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#### LITERATURE

The Victorian Age of English Literature. By Mrs. Oliphant and F. R. Oliphant, B.A. 2 vols. (Percival & Co.)

This history of the Victorian age of English literature is written by Mrs. Oliphant in conjunction with Mr. F. R. Oliphant, and no doubt he is responsible for much of what we shall have to comment upon. Mrs. Oliphant's name, however, is the only name given on the cover, the only name given in the publishers' advertisement at the end. On p. 196 of the second volume we read that

"the band which remains of what we may call the morning time of the Victorian age is naturally now few in number, and a writer, who herself is a member of it, finds some difficulty in entering fully into a critical notice of her contemporaries, in which her own place can only be indicated."

Certainly, therefore, whatever may be her share in the actual writing, Mrs. Oliphant wishes herself to be considered responsible for the volumes as they stand; and we are bound to take her at her word.

Frankly we must confess, in spite of our high esteem for Mrs. Oliphant, the book from beginning to end is not what she has taught us to expect from a writer of her signal ability and great experience. touch first on style, here is a specimen sentence :-

"It is not in the first anguish of such a cata-strophe that one would put 'In Memoriam' into the sufferer's hands, but a little later on, when he has begun to feel how amid all the enforcements of external life and all the efforts of returning vitality his thoughts return with a persistent force which is beyond his control to the vacant place which makes the whole world empty of attraction-and that, not only through the great questions which arise from this void and the mysteries which surround it, but by a hundred trivial things which are all pervaded by that thread, and bring him back and back to the one unchanging fact which is the centre of it all."

Of Buckle we are told :-

"He had an education something like that of John Stuart Mill, already referred to, though, if we may use a vulgar witticism, quite different."

Of Newman we read :-

"Not succeeding in this he fell into a curious and solemn pause no one can doubt of dejection and suffering—and finally swallowing the diffi-culties of doctrine, which always held a secondary place in his mind, made the great leap, and lighted upon that Rock, which was not Christ, but Peter.

It is difficult to believe that this sentence is not an extract from the War Cry, so identical in conception is the image of a gentleman pausing and swallowing and jumping with the favourite imagery of sinners "jumping into the Fountain before breakfast." After such specimens of writing it is an additional to the such specimens of writing it is a such specimens. it is needless to refer to the numerous passages which are not merely grotesque, but ungrammatical: "This defect is by no means so great ..... than in his later work," for example. And unfortunately these are no more than average specimens of the style in which the whole book is written.

Leaving the question of style, and turning to the yet more essential question of matter, we fail to find a proper justification of this work, on the ground of its critical insight, its diligence in research, its accuracy in statement, or its qualities of use or of en-tertainment. Slipshod in writing, it is also slipshod in thought. As a rule, the facts and dates, so far as they go, are fairly correct, though occasionally there are such unlucky inaccuracies as the statements on p. 245 of vol. i. in regard to the production of Browning's plays, and such mistakes or misprints as "Glenarvon" for 'Glenaveril.' In regard to the space which should be given to individual writers there is, of course, room for much legitimate difference of opinion; but there can be no difference of opinion as to the omission of the name of Mr. Walter Pater in a work treating of contemporary English literature. To mention Mrs. Ewing among writers of children's stories and not to mention Mrs. Molesworth seems to us a little unreasonable; to overlook so insistent a combatant in many fields of literature as Mr. Robert Buchanan, a little singular; to name Mrs. Craik and Mrs. Knox among feminine writers of verse, and not to name Miss Mary Robinson, Miss Mathilde Blind, and Michael Field, a little unjust. Then, in the matter of proportion, we find that those estimable brothers, W. and R. Chambers, are given five pages in the first volume and two pages more in the second, while a writer like Rossetti has three pages in all. By the side of De Quincey with five pages comes Lockhart with no fewer than nine. Dr. Kitto's 'Pictorial Bible' has all but a page to itself-exactly the same space as that allotted to Dean Alford in the immediate context. Mr. John Addington Symonds, with nine lines, begins a paragraph which is mainly occupied, for twenty-eight succeeding lines, with George Finlay's 'History of Greece.' Mr. John Morley has twelve lines, Mr. Andrew Lang the same amount, five of the lines being devoted to 'The Mark of Cain.' These are but a few instances out of many: they will speak for themselves. We may now approach the subject of the actual criticism which Mrs. Oliphant

It is, of course, too much to expect a writer traversing a long period of literary history to be always consistent in her point of view, and it is perhaps a little hypercritical to call attention to the fact that Mrs. Oliphant speaks of "The prolonged and often beautiful | say that we have detected any noticeable

maunderings or rather meanderings of the 'Præterita,'" when 'Præterita' has already been called Mr. Ruskin's "remarkable but unfortunately incomplete history of himself, a most attractive and minute picture of his own early training," &c. How anything which is remarkable, minute, and attractive can be alternatively defined as either "maunderings" or "meanderings," it is somewhat difficult to see. A more serious carelessness of judgment is seen in the linking together, in one most inconclusive sentence, of the names of Miss Christina Rossetti and Miss Jean Ingelow-two writers without a single characteristic in common, except the fact that both are women and both write in rhymed verse:-

"It may be added that these ladies are neither of them the mere feminine voices, small and sweet, with which a previous age was content .....but true and gentle minstrels, illustrating in many a subdued yet musical measure the story of human life."

For this, which might pass for a not very insufficient account of Miss Ingelow, is practically all that we hear of so remarkable a poet as Miss Rossetti-the one Englishwoman who has ever been a finished artist as well as a fine poet. It is only two pages further on that we come upon so odd a grouping as

"Mr. Austin Dobson, Mr. Alfred Austin, and Mr. Andrew Lang.....the chief members of this bright band, and all, we record with pleasure, in full exercise of their faculty, and likely in their varying ways to give us, we hope, much more."

To class Mr. Alfred Austin, who has written ambitious "dramatic poems," with Mr. Austin Dobson, who has written most beautiful and exquisite lyrics, and to put with both Mr. Andrew Lang, who has written much clever verse, is, to "the plain person," who has been accustomed to read and to think about poetry, quite bewildering. But such bewilderments greet one on every page. Here is a generalization, for instance, which seems to leave something to be desired :-

"The genuine literary artist is not common; Balzac might be cited as a specimen, and George Eliot in her early works: and perhaps, without going quite so high, we might say that we have at present a literary artist of high excellence in Mr. R. L. Stevenson.

Now the term "genuine literary artist" might, no doubt, be applied to each of the three writers named; but to each it must be applied with so absolute a difference of meaning (and to Balzac most carefully and guardedly of all) that the citation of just these three names, under a common term of definition, means simply nothing at all. It shows precisely the same sense of relative values as the single paragraph which places Mr. Thomas Hardy between Mr. Walter Besant and Mr. James Payn, without a suspicion, apparently, that there is any particular difference in the actual merits of the three.

In attempting to give a fair and unbiassed account of Mrs. Oliphant's latest experiment in literary history, we have taken our examples very much at random; so far as we have exercised any selection, it has been in citing by preference names of the second rather than the first rank, the names which are really the test of the critic. After reading the book carefully through, we cannot

instance of critical insight, of really individual appreciation of literary merit or defect, such as we should have anticipated from a lady of such eminent ability and sound judgment as Mrs. Oliphant. book is simply a piece of what is opprobriously known as book-making, and, as book-making goes, it is not a first-rate specimen of that possibly serviceable trade. It gives one the impression of having been put together in odd half hours-the half hours of exhaustion, for example, that may be supposed to intervene between the completion of chap. v. and the commencement of chap. vi. in a new novel. And it does not seem to us that these are the conditions under which literary history should be attempted by a writer who has won for herself a great and deserved reputation. They are certainly not conditions under which literary history can be written.

From Adam's Peak to Elephanta: Sketches in Ceylon and India. By Edward Carpenter. (London, Sonnenschein & Co.; New York, Macmillan & Co.)

THE title of this book hardly indicates its purport. The sketches, of scenery, temples, and so forth, are above the average, but the scenes have often been sketched before, and in this case they only serve as groundwork for the author's main object, viz., discussion and speculation on matters religious and political. When a writer deals as fluently and familiarly as does our author with such grave and far-reaching subjects as these, it is the more necessary to inquire what are his qualifications; and, to begin with, his very imperfect acquaintance, as he candidly admits, with only a single Eastern language is not reassuring. Again, he is an ardent disciple of Socialism, and considers all political and social phenomena in the light of its peculiar doctrines. Thus, in Ceylon and in England alike, the key-note of our policy is a "vile commercialism." Trade and the production of articles for export instead of for home use are essential evils, and "fill the pockets of the parasites at the expense of the people." The Indians, whose entire social organization is, he says, founded on religion, are therefore utterly out of touch with "a civilisation like ours, whose highest conception of life and religion is the General Post Office." Prof. Seeley, although taking a somewhat desponding tone on Indian matters, nevertheless (in his 'Expansion of England') pronounces our rule there to be one of the greatest blessings ever conferred on mankind, and would consider its overthrow as a great political crime. Mr. Carpenter, with a lighter heart, merely says that "Providence, for its own good reasons, seems to have put them [the two races | together for a season in order that they may torment each other," and expects that their mutual release will before very long be brought about through the action of the Indian National Congress. He does not appear to us always to draw his information-we are speaking now of political matters-from the most enlightened or competent sources. He distrusts the official European, and consorts chiefly with the humbler class of Bengali Baboos (if a Baboo is ever humble) and the minor (native) government officials. At a little soirée

given him by some of these gentlemen, after the music and coffee and cigarettes,

"one of the company (a post-office clerk) saysthat all the educated and thoughtful people in India are with the Congress, to which I reply that it is much the same with the socialist movement in the West."

It is, probably, much the same.

He is, perhaps, hardly consistent in his condemnation of the attitude of the English towards the natives. In some passages he blames them severely; elsewhere he says we must not be hard on them, as the estrangement is due to the impassable gulf of race; and in a third passage he explains how this gulf is being bridged over, as in Aligurh, under the influence of the Anglo-Mohammedan College. And yet again he will argue that this is impossible. It is the conception of duty, he says, which makes the Englishman

"the dull, narrow-minded, noble, fearless, reliable man that he is. The moving forces of the Hindu are quite different; they are, first, Religion; and second, Affection; and it is those which make him so hopelessly unpractical, so abominably resigned, and yet withal so tender and imaginative of heart. Abstract duty to the Hindu has but little meaning. He may perform his religious exercises and his caste injunctions carefully enough, but it is because he realises clearly the expediency of so doing. And what can the Englishman understand of this man who sits on his haunches at a railway station for a whole day meditating on the desirability of not being born again! They do not and they cannot understand each other."

Perhaps not; meanwhile, are "the moving forces of the Hindu" religion and affection, or are they, as we are told in the next sentence, expediency? They can hardly be both; but this is not the only instance of loose writing which we might

point out.

The native sitting on his haunches, meditating, is, in another section of the volume, treated with much more sympathy and respect than this allusion might indicate. Indeed, we might almost infer that an investigation of that subject was the main reason for the author's journey. He seems to entertain a strong belief in the value and reality of the experiences asserted by Indian seers, for many ages past and down to the present day, to have been vouchsafed to them as the result of a certain course of action, physical or mental, consisting chiefly either in the concentration or in the suppression of thought. Of the nature of the final "ecstasy," the joy unspeakable, which is the object striven after, but which few attain in perfection, the author can tell us little; but of the processes by which it is attained, the qualities which must be cultivated, and the results of the pursuit on the aspirants and on their surroundings, he has a good deal to say that is interesting, his information being apparently derived from the conversation of a very intelligent Guru or religious teacher. His informant seems on most topics to have spoken rationally and well; but here again we must bear in mind our author's linguistic limitations. There is nothing, the Guru said, miraculous, or sudden, or universal in what is attained. It is the fruit of months or years of concentration. Many pursue their object un-wisely, and end in idiocy. The self-seeking and ambitious cannot attain to the highest

grade, though an inferior degree of knowledge may be gained by evil-minded persons, and used for evil ends. Rightly followed, this process strengthens and tones the mind for the daily work of the world, enabling it to concentrate itself on, or to dismiss, any sub-ject at will. Notwithstanding his obvious sympathy with these views, however, the author's "practical" English nature suggests to him that there is, in the final result, something cold and hollow, less hopeful for humanity than the Western, sc. Christian, doctrine, which also can rise to a passion, of love to our neighbour; and he endeavours accordingly to prove that the Eastern and Western views may not be irreconcilable, or may, indeed, supplement each other. He discovers to his satisfaction that the "non-differentiation" and equality, which are the outcome and aim of these Eastern practices, must tend to rehabilitate the communal system of India, damaged as this has been by "unclean commercialism," and that their followers must besides join hands and be identified with the "democracy of the future." The details of the Guru's own life and conversation, as given by our author, are very quaint and curious, the surroundings, as they sat or walked, combined with the ideas expressed, carrying him back into the past of three thousand years ago. The Guru was a man of the world, and his shrewd criticisms on the English character and government, as well as on statesmanship generally, formed a curious contrast to his views on astronomy

and astrology.

The author formed a decided opinion while in India that a prevailing cause of the indifferent health of his countrymen was the wearing too many clothes; accordingly he was much gratified when, on his some-

what unconventional path, he

"discovered the existence of a little society in India—of English folk—who encourage nudity, and the abandonment as far as possible of clothes, on three distinct grounds—physical, moral, and æsthetic—of Health, Decency, and Beauty. I wish the society every success. Its chief object, as given in its rules, is to urge upon people 'to be and go stark naked whenever suitable,' and it is a sine qua non that members should appear at all its meetings without any covering. Passing over the moral and æsthetic considerations—which are both, of course, of the utmost importance in this connection—there is still the consideration of physical health and enjoyment, which must appeal to everybody."

That "the moral considerations are of the utmost importance in this connection" is hardly doubtful; whether they should be "passed over" by the police is another question; but our readers will, perhaps, have gauged for themselves by this time the value of the author's guidance through

Eastern labyrinths.

We suppose that the unpleasant-looking spellings throughout the volume—"marvelous," "worshiper," "candor," and so on—are intended in compliment to the name of the American firm on the title-page. For other words which we have come across—as "refraint," "luny," "biz," "chank," "thungeing"—we regret that we cannot refer our readers to a dictionary of any known language.

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The History of Ufton Court, of the Parish of Ufton in the County of Berks, and of the Perkins Family. Compiled from Ancient Records. By A. Mary Sharp. (Stock.)

In Berkshire and in the adjoining county of Oxford there were in comparatively recent times a number of families which had never abandoned what Mrs. Anne Perkins, of Ufton Court, styles in her will (1635) the "Catholique, auntient, and Apostolique Roman faith." Some—like, for instance, the Blounts of Mapledurham and the Stonors of Stonor-still remain, but the Englefields (owners of Englefield for more than a thousand years), the Fermors, the Perkinses, and others are either extinct or

have left their ancestral homes. According to the Heralds' Visitation for Berkshire of 1623, the founder of the Perkins family was Peter Morley, alias Perkins of Shropshire, whose great-grand-son, William Parkyns, was Lord of Ufton Robert in the early part of the fifteenth century. His descendants appear to have enjoyed a fair share of prosperity till the time of the Reformation. That event placed many families in a position of great embarrassment and difficulty. Every parish parson, every landowner or householder, and, indeed, all persons of any position or importance were obliged to decide what side they would take at that important crisis. The Perkins family re-

fused to conform to the new doctrines, and were subjected in consequence to much inconvenience and suffering. Domiciliary visits were paid to Ufton Court, and its owners were fined and imprisoned; in some cases, too, large portions of the property were confiscated. As long, however, as the "recusants" were not guilty of conspiring against the Government, these persecutions were not so severe in Southern England as the description of them would lead us to suppose. We occasionally find even in those times the names of members of the Perkins family in the commission of the peace, and notwithstanding fines and forfeitures, estates were kept in the family by what Miss Sharp calls "friendly arrangements." Thus in 1552 Sir Francis Englefield forfeited all his property, including Englefield, which had been in the family for more than 780 years; yet soon afterwards we read of the Englefields of Englefield, and the estate was still in possession of the race when it became extinct in 1822. In the same way, notwithstanding several fines and sequestrations, we learn from the marriage settlement of the third Francis Perkins in 1674 that the property was at that

larly beautiful.

time nearly entire. This gentleman died in

1694, and was succeeded by his son, the

fourth Francis Perkins, who married in 1715

Arabella Fermor, the original of Belinda in the 'Rape of the Lock.' Three portraits of that celebrated lady are given in this

volume, and they prove that the poet did not exaggerate her charms. The earliest

represents her as a girl of about fourteen;

her face is a perfect oval, her eyes are large and expressive, and her features are singu-

demeanour is more sedate. The lock which the Baron, armed with Clarissa's scissors, had dissevered from Belinda's fair head "for ever and for ever," had grown again, and hangs down with luxurious grace on her neck. The diamond pendants are not there, or perhaps are concealed by her hair, but on her breast she wears the sparkling cross, "which Jews might kiss and infidels adore." By the time the third portrait was painted the lady had acquired a matronly appearance: her face has lost its oval shape, her hair is done up, and her nostrils have become too large, though she is still decidedly handsome. The picture is attributed to Kneller, but he was probably dead before it was painted. Francis and Arabella Perkins had a daughter, also called Arabella, who lived only a few years, and four sons. The second boy died young. The surviving brothers succeeded to the property one after the other, and John the youngest, and the last Perkins of Ufton, expired without issue in 1769, when the Ufton estate went to a distant relative. The Fermors of Tusmore are also extinct. The year after the death of the last of the Perkins family the household goods of the "Manor House called Ufton Court" were sold by auction, and among the contents was an ombre table which vividly connects Arabella Fermor with Pope's "Belinda."

Ufton Court is a good example of an old English manor house. It is chiefly Elizabethan, and built, as was usual at that period, in the form of the letter E. The kitchen and some other parts of the house are supposed to belong to the early part of the fifteenth century. The principal frontage is to the east, and "the long low façade of the Court as seen from this side," Miss Sharp writes,

"is strikingly picturesque. With the two wings and central porch, there are no less than nine-teen gables to this front alone; the storeys project and overhang one beyond the other; the lattice casements jut out still further on brackets from the walls; irregular corners and recesses everywhere present themselves, and the whole is crowned with clusters of wellproportioned chimneys, not twisted, but set in angles so as to produce a very artistic effect. On a nearer approach triangular leaden shields may be seen, placed at the junction between each pair of gables."

The drawing-rooms are of the time of Queen Anne, and there is a tradition that the old house was refashioned and enlarged by the fourth Francis Perkins when he brought home Arabella Fermor as his bride. The old walled garden appears to be little changed, and is reached from the terrace by a flight of stone steps. Old hiding-places and priests' holes are still to be found in the house, but there is no ghost, nor even a tradition of any supernatural visitors, though Miss Sharp tells us of a curious natural phenomenon of which she has been an eye-witness. "If the Court," she writes,

"should be seen in the dusk of the evening by some one driving up in a lighted carriage, he will be surprised as he approaches to see it lit up from top to bottom. A grand entertainment appears to be going on in the hall, and the whole house seems full of guests and servants The next portrait, to which there is a companion picture of her husband, appears to have been taken soon after her marriage. Her beauty is certainly very striking, but her the whole is changed, and darkness falls upon the night.....

The so-called 'Perkins Shakspeare' (a copy of the second folio), of which the MS. annotations gave rise to such bitter controversy, came from Ufton Court. A copy of the first folio, and of some other rare Elizabethan books, found some years ago in the district, are supposed by a writer in these columns (1857) to have belonged to the Perkins library.

The history of Ufton parish is uneventful. The place escaped from hostile ravages during the great civil war, but neglect and vandalism seem to have done almost as much harm to the old parish church as if it had been used as a stable for Cromwell's troopers. The present church was built in 1861, and contains a few of the old monuments, which, as far as we can gather from these pages, are in a most dilapidated condition.

Miss Sharp has evidently taken so much care and pains with her work that we are unwilling to make any unfavourable criticisms on it. There are, however, a few errors which ought not to have been overlooked in revision. We are told (p. 119) that the Perkinses first acquired Ufton Nervet in 1709, but it certainly appears (p. 116) among the list of manors belonging to the family in 1674. Mention is made (p. 130) of the death of the last Mr. Perkins of Ufton Court in 1796. The family became extinct, as Miss Sharp has told us herself, in 1769. On p. 172 M. Jusserand's name is incorrectly written; and in another passage we read of "Croker's notes to the 'Life of Pope' published by Courthope." These errors are very trivial, but with a little more attention they might have been avoided.

The volume is fairly well got up, but it would be a great enhancement of its value if the illustrations, some of which are well designed, were better engraved.

Anecdota Oxoniensia. Classical Series .- Part VII. Collations from the Harleian MS. of Cicero 2682. By Albert C. Clark, M.A. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

THE importance as well as the excellence of Mr. Clark's work will be at once recognized by all scholars who are familiar with the ground which he traverses; and only those who have themselves undertaken a task similar to his will be able to appreciate the toil which has led to the results now presented in a comparatively brief space. The labour, however, must have been to some extent alleviated by the charm of discovery. The manuscript of which the author treats has lain in the British Museum for a century and three-quarters, but has only recently received the attention which it merits. The part containing the 'Epistulæ ad Familiares' was collated by Mr. Louis Purser, and the history of the manuscript was partly unravelled by him. Mr. Clark has now made it the subject of a very thorough investigation, the fruits of which are of consequence for the criticism of a number of Cicero's writings. The codex proves to have been in the cathedral library at Cologne, where it was consulted by Modius and Gulielmius, being none other than the "Coloniensis," the loss of which Madvig deplored, in words printed by Mr.

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Clark opposite to his title-page. Grævius borrowed it, and according to a custom prevalent among scholars of old, and perhaps not quite extinct even now, treated it as his own property. At his death it was sold, and some years after was purchased by Harley, Lord Oxford, from whose possession it passed, with many other manuscripts, into our national collection. The collations of the codex made in past times were, as was almost always the case, decidedly imperfect, so that the identification of it and the publication of its readings open up new materials of great value for critical study. Moreover, the careless manner in which citations were made from the manuscript by old scholars, who called it now by one name, now by another, caused a good deal of confusion, which is now cleared away. Those who know anything of the work of Gulielmius and Grævius will not be surprised to find that Mr. Clark's researches cast upon the former a favourable, and upon the latter

an unfavourable, light.

The volume opens with a precise and authoritative statement by Mr. Maunde Thompson concerning the age and form of the codex. Mr. Clark then lays bare its history; after which he proceeds to determine its affinities with other codices and to estimate its critical value in detail. This is, of course, a "periculose plenum opus aleæ," and the arguments are necessarily for the most part too technical for discussion here. Taken as a whole, this portion of the author's work must be pronounced to have been admirably executed, and will strengthen in the reader's mind the impression of conscientiousness and ability which the historical investigation must have made. The importance of H (as the manuscript is designated) for the text of the speech in support of Pompey, for that in defence of Milo, and for the three Cæsarian orations, whose text has hitherto rested on a bad tradition, seems to be clearly proved. On the other hand, we cannot agree with the author in thinking that it is of much value for the criticism of the 'De Amicitia' and 'De Senectute,' in the case of which excellent authorities exist elsewhere. We think that in future special weight will be given to the readings of H in the 'Pro Milone.' It has long been felt that the text of this speech is extensively corrupt. Reading it by the light of H, Mr. Clark concludes that it is "honey-combed with glosses." The phrase is exaggerated, but undoubtedly the bearing of H on the speech is remarkable and significant. For example, a well-known crux in § 74 is now finally removed. According to the manuscripts previously collated, Cicero says there of Catiline that he carried over to an island belonging to another man "materiem calcem cæmenta arma," in order to build himself a house on ground that did not belong to him. The sense of "tools" generally given to arma is an impossible one for Cicero, perhaps for any classical Latin writer. In H is found the reading harenam, already given by Lambinus on the alleged authority of a manuscript. The reading dropped out of notice, perhaps because the trustworthiness of such an assertion by Lambinus could never be certain. In § 2 of the same speech, again, H gives the word iustissimi, which editors

had seen to be necessary in the place of the corrupt illustrissimi. Equally noticeable is a passage in § 49, where H supplies words wanting in other codices at a point where it had been felt by editors that words were lost. These are only a few instances out of a large number where H presents readings of striking value, but we have no space to quote others. Nor can we do more than speak generally of the clearness, soundness, and acuteness of Mr. Clark's numerous independent criticisms of detached passages, where, guided by the evidence, he tries to restore the original words of Cicero. Those who attempt to edit or criticize the works with which he deals will be bound to pay to his treatise minute and respectful attention. Before concluding this brief notice we will indicate what seem to be some of the defects; but nothing said on this head must be taken as detracting from the opinion already expressed as to the great importance of the volume.

In reading the detailed notes we miss a general description and appraisement of the proprii errores of H. There is something distinctive of every scribe in his tendency to particular slips, and this distinctive some-thing should be present to the mind of the critic all through the discussions on details. In the 'De Senectute,' § 33, in place of the ordinary reading "isto bono utare, dum H exhibits "isto bono dum assit gaudeas," which Mr. Clark calls "a plausible variant." Surely not; the true word utare having been lost, H or some ancestor of H supplied its place with gaudeas. The improbability that H should be right in such a matter, as against a group of other manuscripts of high quality, is in itself great, and becomes greater when it is observed that the substitution of one word for another of equivalent meaning is far from uncommon in H—commoner, indeed, than in many MSS. which are of inferior value. Too much stress seems in some places to be laid on the insertion or omission of small words such as prepositions, about which there is much chance in almost all codices. The omission of per, for instance, in 'Mil.,' § 66, is just as accidental as the insertion of pro in 'Imp. Cn. Pomp.,' § 11. In 'Mil.,' § 50, H, with some other manuscripts, omits ibi, a word which easily falls out, being frequently written in a contracted form, and it has been omitted by H in 'Imp. Cn. Pomp.,' § 33, also. In the passage of the 'Pro Milone,' Cicero is arguing that if Milo had had the intention of killing Clodius, he might have done the deed secretly by night in a place near the city haunted by robbers, and might have denied it without any suspicion resting on him. The text goes on: "Deinde ibi multi ab illo (sc. Clodio) violati, spoliati, bonis expulsi, multi hæc etiam timentes in suspicionem caderent: tota denique rea citaretur Etruria." Mr. Clark (in a note which is one of the very few in the book which lack clearness) proposes, as others have done, to omit ibi. There is, indeed, a difficulty about giving ibi a local sense; but it should be taken as an adverb of time. The usage is somewhat rare, yet it is well attested. Another point which may be noticed is that Mr. Clark's not unnatural leaning towards the readings of H sometimes seems to make him invert the probable relations of readings to one

another. In the 'De Amicitia,' § 41, recent editors give: "Nam Carbonem quo-cumque modo potuimus, propter recentem pœnam Ti. Gracchi sustinuimus." The common reading of MSS. for potuinus is posuinus; that known as P alone gives potuinus. H exhibits possumus, which Mr. Clark prefers, regarding posuimus as derived from it, and potuinus as a correction of posuimus, made to suit sustinuimus. But surely the confusion of s (written in its long form) with t, which is so common in many MSS., makes it far more probable that posuimus traces back to potuimus. And sustinuimus quantum possumus is scarcely tolerable Latin, nor to be paralleled from Cicero's writings. In 'Mil.,' § 79, MSS. generally read: "Liberæ sunt enim nostræ cogitationes, et que volunt, sic intuentur, ut ea cernimus que videmus"; but H presents: "Ut ea cernamus quæ non videmus." Clark calls the ordinary reading pleonastic and otiose. What Cicero says is: "Our imaginations behold the objects they desire to behold, just as we distinguish the things which we actually see," i.e., the presentment of things to the imagination is as vivid as the presentment of objects to the eyes. There is no word in the Latin which could be removed without leaving the sen-tence incomplete. Ernesti asks (and Mr. Clark seems to approve the question) what is the distinction in meaning between cernimus and videmus. There is none, and there should be none. It is natural to Cicero to use two words instead of one, when he has to repeat an idea, merely for variety's sake. So in 'Scaur.,' §13: "Cernitis crudelitate mixtas libidines, videtis immanes." The reading of H is far more naturally derived from the ordinary reading than vice versa. It is a common and easy error to throw an indicative verb into the subjunctive when ut precedes. Thus cernimus became cernamus, and the insertion of non before videmus was then necessary in order to make sense.

In some passages it is probable that further consideration of the details of Ciceronian usage would induce Mr. Clark to modify what he has written. But considering the largeness of the field over which he has to range, and the number of minutiæ which present themselves for judgment, it is surprising that there should be so few weak points in his notes. Those which we have remarked are almost all of small account; for instance, it is hardly conceivable that Cicero should have written peragere bona, with a theatrical metaphor ('De Senectute,' § 71). Nor could eluere well mean in 'De Amicitia,' § 88, "to explain away" a misunderstanding; it is rather to wipe out a disgrace, as ib. § 76. The last point we have to mention is that Mr. Clark seems to us to have accepted rather too readily some of Nohl's classifications of Ciceronian manuscripts. There is no doubt that, for many parts of Cicero's text, the relations of the codices to one another are still far from being finally settled. Mr. Clark's volume shows that there are few so well qualified as he to handle such problems, and it is to be hoped that he may continue his researches.

The Toilers of the Field. By Richard Jefferies. (Longmans & Co.)

JEFFERIES'S reputation would not have suffered if the second part of this volume had been left unpublished. The contributor who reprints all his contributions to the monthly magazines deserves the rebuke of monthly magazines deserves the results of oblivion. But what is to be said when a dead man's pigeon-holes are ransacked for drafts of essays or dislocated paragraphs? Mr. C. J. Longman (who supplies a preface to the volume) assumes from internal evidence that 'The Coming of Summer' was composed in 1881, and he is probably quite correct in his belief that here we have the preliminary study from which the famous and characteristic 'Pageant of Summer' was constructed. Now, to apply the strongest argument, if Jefferies left the thing so long in his desk it is evident that he had no intention of challenging criticism upon its merits—which are not very obvious. The essay is none too carefully written; it lacks unity of design and compactness in the presentation, and every page is marred by Jefferies's gravest defect—the trick and habit of cataloguing. Of the three short sketches which follow the like may be said. Neither in originality of observation nor in quality of workmanship are they superior to the descriptive articles which the amateur ernithologist or botanist inserts from time to time in the newspapers and classifies under the flippant generalization of "tomtits." The pages about 'The Lions in Trafalgar Square' are only tolerable when the writer gets away from those unlucky beasts. It is not possible to be very patient with a man of ability almost amounting to genius who deliberately commits himself in this fashion; and when the man of ability happens to be dead, one's anger is justly turned against those who have thus fed the public upon the husks of his achievement :-

"Over the entire area covered by the metropolis there does not exist another work of art in the open air. There are many structures and things, no other art. The outlines of the great animals, the bold curves and firm touches of the master hand, the deep indents, as it were, of his thumb on the plastic metal, all the technique and grasp written there, is legible at a glance.....Lastly, the soul of the maker, the spirit which was taken from Nature, abides in the massive bronze. These lions are finer than those that crouch in the cages at the Zoological Gardens; these are truer and more real, and, besides, these are lions to whom has been added the heart of a man."

It may be as well to except from the sweep of this condemnation a paragraph of firm, vivid prose, describing the effect of sunlight on the square; not, be it observed, in Jefferies's best manner, but vastly superior to the stuff wherein it lies embedded.

On the other hand, it is well that the early portion of the volume has been printed, especially at this time, when the attention of the country is all but generally turned to the agricultural problem. Although the essays which are devoted to the social conditions of the farmer and his labourer were written well-nigh twenty years ago, there is scarce a sentence that fails to describe accurately the facts of to-day. It is even more wonderful that, although Jefferies has concerned himself with Wiltshire alone, and

many accidental circumstances in his narrative are true only of that county, he has succeeded in conveying a right idea of the habits and temperament characteristic of the toilers of the fields throughout England. Two essays deal with the farmer, the aspect of his house, his manners, and the reasons of his "irritability at the prospect of change." "The slow round of uneventful years, the long continuance of manual labour, the perpetual iteration of a few ideas," counterbalance the teachings of the modern grammar school, of the newspaper, and of the platform. In belief as in custom the farmer holds to the faith of his remote forefathers.

Turning to the essays on the labourer, one is even more struck by the correctness of Jefferies's observations. He knows the life, and states his case without any show of ardour or vehemence. The essay on 'Field-faring Women' is full of the most astonishing insight. Not a detail of sordidness or sorrow, not an item of the painful round of toil that is their destiny, seems to have escaped him, and yet the result might be read without offence by a schoolgirl. There are two sketches in the volume which do more to explain the causes of the rural migration than any amount of statistics. The 'True Tale of a Wiltshire Labourer' has, it is true, a "put-up" appearance, for Jefferies was no novelist. It is no more than the story of a man who took to drink and of a woman who "died totally worn-out at nineteen"—a story which might be described as a rustic "Gallus." But, academic and informative "Gallus." But, academic and informative as it is, the tale goes home, its veracity counting for art. To our mind 'John Smith's Shanty' is superior, for here Jefferies gets to work in his own fashion. The condition of the average labourer is very deftly contrasted with the navvy's and with the village poacher's. The poacher tells how his wife was reproved for the size of her family (which amounted to fifteen) by

"that sharp Miss —— who was always coming round with tracts and blankets, like taking some straw to a lot of pigs, and lecturing his 'missis' about economy. His 'missis' turned on her at last, and said, 'Lor, miss, that's all the pleasure me and my old man's got!'"

Smith is better off than the poacher, but his case is sad enough. His speech before the magistrates seems to us to represent the average condition of the poorer labourer more vividly than anything that has been printed thereon; and without writing politics no more can be said. Indeed, these practical papers show Jefferies in a new light. He pictures the real life of the farm, in its brightness and sordidness alike, with candour and impartiality and force; nor does he lose ground in the reader's esteem because his object is rather to convey information than to fashion picturesque idyls. In a word, the first part of this book will convince more people of the necessity for agricultural conferences and such measures than leading articles or letters to the press; for Jefferies has successfully carried out the difficult operation of so setting forth his "short and simple annals" as to appeal at once to the judgment and the humaner emotions.

NEW NOVELS.

Vanitas: Polite Stories. By Vernon Lee. (Heinemann.)

THE accomplished critic and essayist known as Vernon Lee is never seen, perhaps, at quite her best in any form of fiction. Her new volume contains three stories or sketches. differing in kind, but with the same sort of motive, and, to some extent, the same treatment running through each. A vague sense of mistiness and incompleteness of purpose and conviction permeates the book in a manner more irritating than soothing -for the reader is at the outset made aware that it is not written without an object. It would seem, in fact, to be some-thing like a "book of pity," if not of death: a species of propaganda to arouse sympathy for poor worldlings, whose life of socalled pleasure often excites the compassion of Vernon Lee because of the pathos of an enforced and heroic deadening of their higher nature. In spite of the intention and the cleverness of the stories some readers will think 'Vanitas' wanting in backbone and not too well focussed. To judge, however, of Vernon Lee's handiwork after such a fashion is neither necessary nor wise. The shadowy forms and evanescent subtleties of thought and expression so characteristic of her, here and elsewhere, may, as it were, appeal to some element lying halfway between our reflective and emotional powers, though, as in other halfway measures, some force and effect is apt to be lost. A glamour—not precisely "the hue of beauty and of health"—hovers about her carefully chosen words and phrases and the artificial atmospheres she evokes. Whether she treats of shaded lamplit scenes in London or Italian drawing-rooms (dim with smoke-wreaths from the perfumed cigarettes of male and female loungers), or whether the dominant note be the artistic values of nodding cypress and quivering olive (of which one is a trifle weary), every-thing is insidiously delicate, exotic, shadowy. The people and their surroundings are all faintly mysterious and singularly unsatisfying. In these pages, one is persuaded, no every-day sentiment, no middle-class presentment of life, may enter. From the dedication "alla Baronessa E. French-Cini," wandering by her terraced gardens, to the belle mondaine who sticks out her elbows and drops her final g's, all belongs to that "order" wherein bourgeois ideals have no part or lot. Personally we do not feel drawn towards any of the three fashionable incomprises who figure in the cultured Anglo-Florentine-Venetian rages of 'Vanitas'; their latent and respective aspirations towards a higher intellectual, ethical, and moral worth (than their social position seems to warrant) do not stir one greatly. Their attitude, speech, and manners, viewed merely as masks to their true feelings, appear, even to an "outsider," not very happily presented. Notwithstanding, some readers will not fail to recognize a personage here and there as being exceeding like some familiar friend or acquaintance. As regards matter and incident 'The Legend of Madame Krasinska' is incomparably the best of the three, and yet one wonders that so good a motive in the hands of so good an artist should not have turned out better.

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An Exquisite Fool. (Osgood, McIlvaine & Co.)

UNDER a curiously irrelevant and ill-chosen title, an anonymous author has put forth an exceedingly well-written, but eminently depressing romance of contemporary life. The heroine, with her brilliant possibilities ruined by selfishness and bad luck—a sort of modern Helen manquée-is an interesting and even pathetic figure, and the other personages are drawn naturally and with an artistic restraint. More than this, the author has the merit of self-effacement, which greatly enhances the lifelikeness of the whole. The main situation is in its essence sordid, but it is treated with a skill and grace which only serve to enhance the contrast between the lot of the woman that was and the woman that might have been. The book, in fine, is clever, subtle, painful, and unsatisfying, and may be cordially recommended to all persons suffering from an excess of seasonable hilarity.

Archie Carew. By J. Francis. (Ward & Downey.)

Mr. Francis lays his scene in Wales, yet he speaks of the "hopeless gibberish of the Cymmraeg." So contemptuous a critic should write better English. Apart from solecisms, the style of this work is so trivial that at first we classed it as a Christmas book for youth; but further examination revealed a story which could hardly be presented seriously to those of tender years. Mary Gray (whom we find in a fool's paradise at Carrog until the shabby "gentleman" who has involved her in a false marriage, and on whom she has heaped coals of fire by saving his worthless life, finds it convenient to his "position" to abandon her) is the only human being in the book. Her self-abnegation is consistent with a nature so capable of passion. But Archie is "nidering," and Laura Dyneley impossible.

Caverton Manor; or, Foreshadowed. By May Brotherwood. (Allen & Co.)

'CAVERTON MANOR' is as superfluous a thing, in the way of a novel, as may be in a world already given up to a superfluity of foolish stories. Though ill written in the present tense, save for two mys-terious leaps into the past, there is no harm in it whatever-barring its existence, that is to say, and that is, perhaps, rather an error of judgment than a crime.

Checquered Courtship. By Alice Augusta Gore. (Digby, Long & Co.)

'CHECQUERED COURTSHIP' is probably a first book-were it also the last (of its kind) we should have cause for rejoicing. But, as things go, this is, perhaps, unlikely. A more utterly wooden and commonplace volume it has seldom been our lot to encounter. It might easily have been-perhaps has beenwritten by the most ordinary of ordinary schoolgirls, without a grain of imagination, or knowledge of life either, to guide her: one who has unfortunately got hold of some specimens of third-rate musical criticism, and has straightway "gone" for them. Whether this be so or no, the book contains more trite, trivial, bald, and obvious remarks than have often been gathered together, printed, and-read.

Jane Field. By Mary E. Wilkins. (Osgood, McIlvaine & Co.)

JANE FIELD' does not show-not by any manner of means-the most uncommon qualities that distinguish Miss Wilkins's exquisite short stories. Her delicacy of perception, her almost magical divination of the pent-up feelings and trivial interests of her middleaged and obscure New Englanders, and, more recently, her volume of stories about children, called 'Young Lucretia,' have made for her a high place in the literature of this country. The volumes that contain such things as 'A Far-away Melody,' 'A Humble Romance,' and 'A New England Nun' prove her rare and sympathetic insight and her comprehension of a range of life and feeling at once strong and circumscribed. 'Jane Field' is good—but not good enough. It shows not so much that Miss Wilkins's hand has lost its cunning as that she, or the motive she uses, is unsuited to more than a short flight. It is difficult to imagine this author's particular gift successfully applied to an undertaking like a novel. Time may, of course, prove it to be otherwise; in the mean time one fancies that for her, more than for others, peculiar danger lurks in forcing her material. It is, in fact, possible to imagine that she might outwrite herself, or at least lose the freshness that is a part of her charm. The human and artistic touch is not absent in 'Jane Field'; but one feels that the matter is drawn out and attenuated to cover a larger area than is good for it. A sense of thinness, almost of effort, is one of the results produced. Many of her happy touches are there—the people are individual, their speech and gestures expressive—yet somehow there lacks something or other. Is it the writer's own as well as the reader's sympathy with these people? We fancy so. They do not seem to grow in their places, to live, move, and have their being as do those in her other stories. The same remark applies to inanimate things, over which she has generally so much control.

RECENT VERSE.

Sight and Song. Written by Michael Field.
(Mathews & Lane.) (Mathews & Lane.)
Fate in Arcadia, and other Poems. By Edwin J.
Ellis. (Ward & Downey.)
Songs and Lyrics. By Joseph Skipsey. Collected and Revised. (Scott.)
Lays and Legends. (Second Series.) By E.
Nesbit (Mrs. H. Bland). (Longmans & Co.)

Zalmoxis, and other Poems. By James H.

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Wilson. (Stock.)

1.1 in the Gate. By Arlo Bates. (Boston, Told in the Gate. By Arl U.S., Roberts Brothers.) Poems. By James Mather.

(Gardner.) Fand, and other Poems. By William Larminie.
(Dublin, Hodges, Figgis & Co.)

The Countess Kathleen, and Various Legends and Lyrics. By W. B. Yeats. (Fisher Unwin.) 'SIGHT AND SONG' is, alas! disappointing. When Michael Field gives us poems meant " translate into verse what the lines and colours of certain chosen pictures sing in themselves " the gift would seem to be one that must enrich those acquainted with the pictures with that new and deeper knowledge of familiar things which poetic intuition seizes in a flash and poetic utterance flashes into other minds, and those unacquainted with the pictures with that lifeful apprehension of things not known to the bodily sight which poetry can inspire by its magic revealings. But 'Sight and Song' is a cata-

logue-a brilliantly written catalogue, indeed; with careful details as aptly as minutely related; with masterly poetic diction; with varied rhythm, stiff, but attractive from its quaint prim dignity; with appreciative acumen—yet at its best still a catalogue. Michael Field exalts as a "method of art-study" this cataloguing process, or, as it is not too happily or too accurately put, "The effort to see things from their own centre, by suppressing the habitual centralisa-tion of the visible in ourselves, is a process by which we eliminate our idiosyncrasies and obtain an impression clearer, less passive, more inti-mate"; and as a method of art-study it has, of course, distinct educational value for those pursuing it. But, when pictures are made the themes of verse, something more than methods themes of verse, something more than methods of art-study is requisite to make the verse true poetry. Poetry requires a soul's breath of life, requires the "theory, fancies," and "mere subjective enjoyment" which Michael Field on principle excludes from the descriptions of pictures in 'Sight and Song.' Such exclusion is wise and to the purpose if the aim be verbally photographing the pictures to remind or to inform picture-lovers of their themes and treatment; but if that were the sole, or the principal, object, it would be more practically effected by prose. Michael Field—there is the evidence of the preface for it—designed these descriptions for poems, and the essential inward nature of for poems, and the essential inward nature of poetry should not have been denied them. They are not in any true sense poems; but how skilfully vivid and how rich in detail they are as word-pictures any passage taken at random from any one of them would show. The following account of a well-known picture may be accepted as a good specimen both of the fine pictorial treatment and the deliberate eschewal of poetic imaginativeness and suggestiveness which characterize this magnificent catalogue :-

Correggio.
The Louvre The Löwre.

Noontide's whiteness of full sun Illumes her sleep; Its heat is on her limbs and one White arm with sweep Of languor falls around her head: She cuddles on the lap of earth; While almost dead Asleep, forgetful of his mirth, A dimpled Cupid at her side Sprawls satisfied. Sprawls satisfied.
Conquered, weary with the light,
Her eyelids orb:
Summer's plenitude of might
Her lips absorb,—
Uplifted to the burning air
And with repletion fallen apart.
Her form is bare,
But her doe-skin binds each dart
Of her woodland armory,
Laid idle by. Laid idle by.

She is curled beyond the rim

Of oaks that slide
Their lowest branches, long and slim,
Close to her side;
Their foliage touches her with lobes
Half-gay, half-shadowed, green and brown:
Her white throat globes,
Thrown backward, and her breasts sink down
With the supineness of her sleep,
Leaf-fringed and deep.

Where her hand her gurend to slip. Leaf-fringed and deep.

Where her hand has curved to slip
Across a bough,
Fledged Cupid's slumberous fingers grlp
The turf and how
Close to his chin he hugs her cloak!
His torch reversed trails on the ground
With feeble smoke;
For in noon's chastity profound,
In the blank glare of mid-day skies,
Love's fiambeau dies.

But the alexpers are not left. Love's fambeau dies.

But the sleepers are not left
To breathe alone;
A god is by with hoofs deep-cleft,
Legs overgrown
With a rough pelt and body strong:
Yet must the head and plercing eyes
In truth belong
To some Olympian in disguise;
From lawless shape or mien unkempt
They are exempt.
Zeus, beneath these oaken boughs,
As satyr keeps
His watch above the woman's brows
And backward sweeps And backward sweeps
Her cloak to flood her with the noon;
Curious and fond, yet by a clear
Joy in the boon
Of beauty franchised—beauty dear
To him as to a tree's bent mass

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Mr. Edwin J. Ellis's fantasy, 'Fate in Mr. Edwin J. Emiss rantasy, Tate in Arcadia, is most poetically pretty. The worst of it is that its elfin drama of Woodman, and Fairy, and wandering Knigh, and solitary pensive Maid waiting unconsciously for love and the lover, is no plain purposed fairy tale, and no Midsummer Night's

weak and idle theme, No more yielding but a dream,

but is a scenario for presenting deep allegories of love, under the disguise of "fairy toys." The framework is too slight for carrying such weighty meanings. And the allegorizing errs by over-subtlety, and is too often indistinct and puzzling: the reader is set to guess, as it were, mysterious riddles that have but mysteriously indefinite answers. It is not only in 'Fate in Arcadia' that Mr. Ellis's allegorizing turn and the vagueness of it give to his poetry a turn and the vagueness of it give to his poetry a special character—good in so far that it has imaginativeness, but unsatisfying—the shorter poems which fill a large portion of the volume are all, more or less deeply, stamped with the same mint-mark. The enignatic manner becomes a little irritating to the attentive reader after several poems of it, and creates a longing for something untypically transparent. Mr. Ellis could doubtless gratify this longing if he

Mr. Joseph Skipsey's 'Songs and Lyrics' is, though some new pieces are added, a book of reprints, more or less revised. "The object of this collection is to present what has been regarded as most characteristic of the author's work." Mr. Skipsey has individuality, directness, a certain touch-and-go faculty which is only found in connexion with real poetic ability, and a certain unpretending pathos—as far as possible from mawkishness—which in itself is poetry. His gift is so genuine that it is pretty certain he would have been something of a poet even if he had been born and bred amid all the prose of gentility, and school-taught to match; but he has had a distinct advantage, as to his poetry, in the rough training life gave him. His verse speaks with a homely strength and a freshness that give it special interest: and in his colliery poems he awakens sympathy with a human theme new to song. The very best human theme new to song. The very best thing in the book is the collier's going out at night to his dangerous work in the pit, told in, according to Mr. Skipsey's usual method, a poem of but two stanzas :-

"GET UP!" "Get up!" the caller calls, "Get up!"
And in the dead of night,
To win the bairns their bite and sup,
I rise a weary wight.

My flannel dudden donn'd, thrice o'er My birds are kiss'd, and then I with a whistle shut the door, I may not ope again.

This poem is a little treasure for naturalness and quiet, touching feeling: it is not surprising that there is not another in the book to rank beside it, for it is of the exceptional kind in which a writer, perhaps almost unaware, lights on the perfection of his own type of poetryperfection he may never happen to touch again, and which no writer, not even among the greatest, attains more than a few times. But, though "Get up!" must be classed apart in Mr. Skipsey's collection, there are others of his colliery poems which have a similar charm of novelty and plain reality. Those readers must be few indeed who are not impressed by the excellent simplicity, and yet suggestiveness, in such a description as the following:—

MOTHER WEPT.

Mother wept, and father sighed;
With delight a-glow
Cried the lad, "To-morrow," cried,
"To the pit I go."

Up and down the place he sped,— Greeted old and young; Far and wide the tidings spread; Clapt his hands and sung.

Came his cronies; some to gaze
Wrapt in wonder; some
ree with counsel; some with praise
Some with envy dumb.

"May he," many a gossip cried,
"Be from peril kept";
Father hid his face and sighed,
Mother turned and wept.

And—to give a specimen of the merrier verse which Mr. Skipsey is fond of producing—could anything be more briskly natural than the song

> WILLY TO JINNY. Duskier than the clouds that lie Tween the coal-pit and the sky, Lo, how Willy whistles by Right cheery from the colliree. Duskier might the laddie be, Save his coaxing coal-black e'e, Nothing dark could Jinny see A-coming from the colliree.

The collection is very numerous: and it cannot be said that all its contents have the quality of the pieces we have quoted. The least successful are those on the customary poetic themes. And, oddly enough, in these more merely And, oddly enough, in these more merely literary products the expert literary skill and judgment with which Mr. Skipsey is amply pro-vided are often found missing. Perhaps such lyrics belong to an earlier stage of Mr. Skipsey's literary cultivation than that which has given us those other lyrics, homely yet truly artistic, which have his special stamp upon them, and

which prove him a genuine poet.

Miss Nesbit, in a sonnet addressed to Mr. Austin Dobson, sportively describes her muse as one that

walks life's muddy ways......
Is modern, is advanced, has views;
Goes in for lectures, reads the news;

and the description is true so far as it goes. muse loves to take wing now and again away from "life's muddy ways" and be

Among the blossoms and the grass,

learning some

measure that rhymes with the leaves and flowers, That rhymes with the summer and sun,

"goes in" for mothers' baby-songs and the pretty rhythmic talk of love-lyrics, and gives back the news she reads in eager songs of anger and war against wrong, and of pity for

The exceeding bitter cry of human pain.

In Miss Nesbit's new volume, 'Lays and Legends' (Second Series), there is as heretofore the interchange of the graceful and the severer themes, with also the mingling of them bittersweetly; and there is as heretofore excellent poetic expression and musical flow. Yet though it seems almost ungrateful to say it, when a book of verse so really good has been vouchsafed—yet this book suggests to a friendly critic a thought that perhaps Miss Nesbit is letting her poetry run too much in familiar grooves, and incurring thereby risk of allow-ing habit to serve her for inspiration. If she could use a wider range of thought, her poetry, as a whole, would gain in strength as well as in variety. One thing is never wanting to it—nobility of purpose. Reference has been made to Miss Nesbit's baby-songs; here is one of

Wake, baby dear!
The good, glad morning's here;
The dove is cooing soft and low,
The lark sings loud and clear.

Wake, baby, wake! Long since the day did break, The daisy buds are all uncuried, The sun laughs in the lake.

Wake, baby dear! Thy mother's waiting near, And love, and flowers, and birds, and sun, And all things bright and dear.

But the following is characteristic in treatment and in aspirations:-

HERE AND THERE. Ah me, how hot and weary here in town
The days crawl by!
How otherwise they go my heart records,
Where the marsh meadows lie nd white sheep crop the grass, and seagulls sail Between the lovely earth and lovely sky,

Here the sun grins along the dusty street Beneath pale skies: Hark! spiritless, sad tramp of toiling feet, Hoarse hawkers, curses, cries—
Through these I hear the song that the sea sings
To the far meadowlands of Paradise.

O golden-lichened church and red-roofed barn— Ö long sweet days— O changing, unchanged skies, straight dykes all gay With sedge and water mace— O fair marsh land desirable and dear— How far from you lie my life's weary ways!

Yet in my darkest night there shines a star More fair than day; There is a flower that blossoms sweet and white In the sad city way. That flower blooms not where the wide marshes gleam, That star shines only when the skies are gray.

For here fair peace and passionate pleasure wane Before the light Of radiant dreams that make our lives worth life, And turn to noon our night: We fight for freedom and the souls of men— Here, and not there, is fought and won our fight!

'Zalmoxis' is founded on the tradition of the Getan who, at one time a slave in Samos, became—when, manumitted, and opulent, and wise with the lessons of his late owner, Pythagoras, he had returned to his fellow countrymen a ruler, high priest, and teacher over them, and then their tutelary god. Mr. Wilson puts his poem into the mouth of an aged slave who knew Zalmoxis in the flesh, consorting with him as his beloved disciple and worshipper, and through whom, by afflatus, Zalmoxis now often speaks, impressing afresh the doctrine of life after death which he had years before revealed in his personal preachings :-

No soul's hope was yet destroyed. Ne'er one life its purpose misses. No man's death is waste

The folk in the public ways, whenever the divine afflatus has seized the chosen messenger, grow as rapt as he; he is their leader, he breaks into exultation and they are moved with like

And the whole crowd joins unbidden, and they leap and dance with me—
Singing of the clear life hidden by the darkened life we see.

When his fit of inspiration is over the chosen messenger is again but a patient drudging slave; but he lives blest in his pious joy in Zalmoxis, the god of the resurrection :-

I shall yet see face to face Him whose fathomless existence deep in all Earth's signs I trace.

There is vividness in this lyrical monologue, and the verse rings well. The other poems and the verse rings well. The other poems which make up the volume have less originality of conception, but most of them show some-thing of a poetic impulsiveness which distinguishes them from the verse achievements of solely literary talent.

There is spirited narrative method in 'Told in the Gate, by Arlo Bates. And there are sundry good poetically descriptive passages. There are also several passages of very commonplace ornamental prose dovetailed into lines representing blank verse. The tales are supposed to be told

In the arched gateway of fair Ispahan by an entrancing story-teller, Omar, around whom gather even the princes and potentates of the city, spending the whole long afternoons All listening tireless to the tales he tells.

Mr. James Mather's volume named 'Poems contains much unfortunately weak verse about places he knows and other harmless matters. Doubtless the writing all these stanzas gave him pleasant recreation, and, so far, it was sensible to write them; but it was silly to publish them. 'Fand' is an Irish legend of the Tannhäuser class. But its Tannhäuser, Cuhoolin, has a

wife who lovingly pursues a toilsome quest after him, and at last disputes him, face to face, with the temptress goddess, the beautiful Fand, and prevails. 'Fand,' though the best poem in the volume to which it gives name, is not the most important: one of the "Other Poems," 'Moytura: From the Visions of Fintan,' written in dramatic form, is a more ambitious and much more elaborate as well as a longer production. It is well sustained; but the story it presents is uncomfortably indistinct to readers not conversant with the mythology introduced. Much of 'Moytura' is in blank verse—and it is a relief to come on the blank verse; for Mr. Larminie's lyric versification, whether in

rhyme or in the assonance he seeks to employ,

is much too experimental to be agreeable.

The "Cameo Series" has recently been enlarged by a welcome addition in the shape of a volume of poems by Mr. Yeats, in which the author has once more, and with considerable success, sought inspiration in the fountain head of Irish legend. The poem which gives its name to the collection is described as "an Irish Drama," and though loosely constructed, and quite unsuitable for stage representation, arrests quite unsuitable for stage representation, arrests attention alike by the beauty of the subject, the charm of the imagery, and the force and melody of the diction. The descriptive passages abound with happy touches, such as "ivy green as a drake's poll," and Mr. Yeats handles the blankverse metre with freedom and skill. Here, for example, is the passage in which the angels announce the death of the Countess to her faithful faster mother: faithful foster mother :-

full foster mother:—
She gave away her soul for others—God,
Who sees the motive and the deed regards not,
Bade us go down and save her from the demons,
Who do not know the deed can never bind.
We came and waited; some score minutes since,
As mortals measure time, her body died,
For heart broke. The demons, as two owls,
Came sweeping hither, murmuring against God.
We drove them hence; and half our company
Bore the bright spirit to the floors of peace,
And half now give the body to your care.
Let it have noble burial; build a high
And ample tomb, for she who died and lives
Was noble in her life and in her beauty;
And when men gaze upon the flying dawn,
We bid them dream of her.
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The lyrics which complete the collection, many of which have appeared in the columns of the National Observer, are occasionally rather rough in workmanship, but marked by unfailing sympathy and tenderness. It cannot be said of Mr. Yeats as of so many modern writers of verse that materiam superavit opus. His lack of polish is more than compensated for by the sincerity of his pathos and the wholesomeness

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

In The New Border Tales (Scott) Sir George Douglas has not gone out of the way to conciliate the British critic. If this book has not been printed in America its appearance is flagrantly American. Mr. James Torrance's illustrations are not in themselves admirable, and they are here reproduced by an exceedingly unpleasant process. In one or two instances, where they are supposed to help the reader to imagine events that happened when the century was young, the costume is of last year. Such a title, too, as 'The New Border Tales suggests several excellent stories. We cannot recommend one as being written to the standard nowadays required in the exercise of the art of narrative. Sir George Douglas is too long in settling down to his work; his style is tortured by an itching desire after magnificence, and is in places most intolerably affected. By the way, the story of 'The Broken Tryst' is found way, the story of The Broken Tryst is found in the folk-lore of at least a dozen English counties. Sir George's version is the best—and slightest—thing in his book. But we are not satisfied with his explanation of the old rhyme on which it is founded.

MRS. WALFORD would have consulted her own reputation if she had refrained from republishing the interesting but superficial papers of which Twelve English Authoresses (Longmans & Co.) is composed. They seem originally to have been contributed to an American magazine for girls. There they served their purpose admirably. Mrs. Walford provides just suffifor girls. cient biography and anecdote, flavouring the whole with a not very formidable dash of criticism. But when the book comes to be read from end to end its slightness and facility are appalling. It is pertinent to inquire why Mary Russell Mitford is not one of the twelve. She has a better claim than some of those selected. And what is to be said about a sketch of Jane Taylor which ignores the 'Hymns for Infant Minds '?

MR. HENRY W. HILLIARD'S Politics and Pen ictures at Home and Abroad (Putnam's Sons) is the production of an American gentleman who has had a long lease of life and has enjoyed many opportunities for gaining experience. He was a delegate to the National Whig Convention which met at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1839, when General W. H. Harrison, the grandfather of the present President, was nominated to fill the office of President, to which he was elected. He died after occupying it a few weeks. Hilliard has lived to see the grandson seated in the Presidential chair. Though his public life has extended over half a century, he has little that is stirring to record. He began public service as Minister to Belgium and he ended as Minister to Brazil, having been a member of Congress during the interval. He is a native of Alabama, and when his State joined the South he went with it. His son was an army surgeon in the Confederate army, but he himself did not play any part on the Southern side more important than that of Commissioner to Tennessee when that State was considering whether to secede or not. obtained a full pardon soon after the rebellion had been crushed, and he was then sent as Minister to Brazil, where he gave his support to the party which was engaged in emancipating the slaves. Mr. Hilliard often visited England, and he speaks of our country and the notable men whom he met in a most kindly fashion. He was frequently in France, and he gives a pleasing account of the leading French states-men of the last generation. His book is well and pleasantly written, and bears the impress of the best characteristics of an American gentleman from the South.

The Great War of 189—: a Forecast, published by Mr. Heinemann, is a reprint of some contributions to Black and White by Admiral P. Colomb, Col. Maurice, Mr. Archibald Forbes, and others, illustrated by Mr. F. Villiers, which excited much interest at the time of their appearance. They form in their collected shape an excellent gift-book, but also something more, for the volume is full of useful warnings conveyed in pleasant style by men of the highest competence.

THE new volume of the "Bibliothèque de Carabas" contains a most welcome reprint of Philemon Holland's version of Plutarch's Romane Questions (Nutt). Holland's quaintness and homely vigour make his translations delightful reading. A most valuable and interesting introduction is supplied by a sound scholar and shrewd thinker, Mr. F. B. Jevons. The printing of the volume is excellent, and so is the paper.

THE annual volumes of Good Words and The Sunday Magazine (Isbister) contain a variety of good reading. Among the best contributions good reading. Among the best contributions are those of Sir R. S. Ball, Mr. Augustus Hare, Archdeacon Farrar, Mr. Jolly, Dr. George Smith, the Bishop of Winchester, and Mr. Winterwood. The fiction is supplied by Mr. W. Black, Mr. Manville Fenn, Mrs. Molesworth, Mrs. Walford, and others.

The new year has brought us Lodge's Peerage and Baronetage from Messrs. Hurst & Blackett. A work that has existed for sixty-two years has proved its right to exist.—Mr. Skinner's Mining Manual is an annual record of the hopefulness of man. The number of people who have trustfully purchased tracts of land from which they will never extract any profit is marvellous. In Mr. Skinner's volume the stories of the few successes and many failures are chronicled.—We have also received *The Calendar of the Univer*sity College of North Wales.

Two of the new editions on our table are books of special interest; one of them the charming Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning, by Miss Thackeray, reprinted in a more convenient shape than the first edition by Messrs.

Macmillan; the other is the remarkable Letters of James Smetham, also brought out in a handy shape by the same firm .- Cleveden, by Miss

Linskill, has been added to Bentley's "Favourite Novels. '-Lady Silverdale's Sweetheart is the latest volume in Messrs. Low & Co.'s neat reprint of Mr. Black's novels.—Maurice's famous sermons on The Patriarchs and Lawgivers of the Old Testament appear once more in the new edition of his works issued by Messrs. Macmillan. No sermons of a nineteenth century divine have had a more enduring popularity.

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THE LIBRARY OF JAMES VI. OF SCOTLAND.

BURIED by some accident among the printed books, a manuscript of singular interest has lain unnoticed in the British Museum ever since the Royal Library was transferred thither in 1759. Thanks to Mr. Garnett it has now been disinterred, and its publication may soon be looked for; meanwhile a brief account of it in the Athenaum will serve in some degree to atone for past neglect.

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The volume in question is a small quarto of twenty-three paper leaves, bound in limp vel-lum. Worn, soiled, and dog's-eared, it has nothing about it at first sight that is attractive. On the covers, however, is impressed a small crown between the initials I.R., and the contents fully confirm this indication of ownership, forming a rough catalogue of a portion, at least, of the royal library of Scotland between 1573 and 1583, and more particularly of the additions made to it by gift or purchase in the early years of James VI. In 1573 the future British Solomon was a precocious child of seven, and most of the books so acquired were evidently intended to assist in his education.

Apart therefore from other elements of interest, their enumeration throws curious light on the nature and range of his studies, and if he digested the half of them, his reputation for learning was solidly grounded.

In two places James himself has unmistakably left his mark. On f. 3, in a stiff boyish hand, he has written, "Si quid honestum per laborem egeris, labor abit, honestum manet; si quid turpe per voluptatem egeris, voluptas abit, turpe manet." This salutary maxim is copied twice, and partially a third time, "Jacobus R" being, moreover, appended. At the end is a being, more elementary exercise, consisting of the letters of the alphabet, large and small, with the trilingual signature, "Jacobus R. Scotorum, Jaques Roy d'escosse, James R." No doubt it was merely by accident, as lying handy at the moment, that the book was thus utilized, and except in one other instance, which will be noticed below, it exhibits no more of his own

penmanship.

The bibliographical entries extend from f. 4 onwards, the various divisions, however, not being in strict chronological order. They are mostly in the hand of Peter Young, who, jointly with the better-known George Buchanan, was appointed preceptor to James in 1569. He was a pupil of Beza and a good scholar, and he pro-bably did more of the actual work of teaching than his much older colleague; moreover, as we learn from Sir James Melville, he "was gentiller, and was laith till offend the king at gentiller, and was lath till offend the king at any tym, and used himself wairly, as a man that had mynd of his awen weill, be keping of his Maiesteis favour" ('Memoirs,' ed. 1827, p. 262). In a notice of him by Dr. Tho. Smith ('Vitæ Quorundam...Virorum,' 1707, p. 23) is a paper in which he set down his pupil's daily continue of study, but the precise period to routine of study, but the precise period to which it refers is uncertain. At this time he seems to have acted also as royal librarian-a post which, after James had exchanged Edin-burgh for London, and he himself had been knighted and pensioned, was long held (1609-1647) by Patrick Young, his son. The entries begin with six lists of books, respectively headed by the names of the printers Wechel, Robert Estienne, Colines, Tiletanus, Oporinus, and Froschover. These books, many of which are priced, are Af all sorts, and in number about 250; but, although the selection is an interesting one, it is doubtful whether any of them ever belonged to the royal library. From Young's note at the end it merely appears that he copied the titles from catalogues lent to him by the famous Andrew Melville, who no doubt brought them with him when he returned to Scotland from Geneva in 1574. The next batch of books entered (f. 10) I give just as it

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Dante en Italien.
P. YOWNG.

This is followed by a "Catalogue of bukes gottin fra my lord of St. Jhone, 1573, October 28, be my lords grace, and delyuerit to the king for the maist part apon the 16 of Nouember 1578." They include "2 bukes of yo eneide of Virgil in frenche. Canones et decreta concilii Tridentini. Sum bukes of the Repub. of Plato in frenche. The first buik of Dom Flores [in] spanish. Dict. latin and spanish," with Petrarch, Ronsard, 'Amadis of Gaul,' 'Flores and Blancheflour,' &c.; while, still on the same page, among "Bukis gottin be me fra My lord Regentis grace at sundry tymis," are "Zonaras in frenche. Froissart in 2 volumis. Thunion of ye housse of Lancaster and York. Herodotus in frenche. The Scottis Chronicle wrettin with hand," and others. All these books, as appears later, formed part of the library of Queen Mary. On f. 10b is a still more interesting list of fifty "Buiks brocht furth of Sterling to Halyrud house vpon the xi of Nouember, 1583." It begins with "Hectoris Boethii Hist. Scotorum, fol. Paris," and includes Homer (in Greek and Latin), Lucian, and Demosthenes; Cæsar, Virgil, Ovid, 'Terentii Flores,' and 'Martialis Castratus'; Beza's Greek Grammar, 'Enchiridion Græcæ Linguæ,' 'Rudimenta Grammaticæ Latinæ,' and 'The frenche tongue teacher'; Buchanan 'De Jure Regni,' Simler 'De Repub. Heluetiorum,' 'Epistre d'Osorius à la Royne d'angleterre,' 'The hurt of seditioun,' and 'The true religion and seditionn, and 'The true religion and poperie.' After this (f. 11b) come a number of books headed "Empti," with others presented by various persons. I can only mention "The history of Ingland, Scotland, and Ireland, in twa faire volumes," and Sir J. Cheke 'De pronuntiatione Græcæ linguæ,' both "bocht fra Mr. Jhone Provand"; "Plutarque en deux both "bocht fra Mr. Jonne Provand"; "Plutarque en deux volumes," given by the Bishop of Brechin; 'Jus Civile,' in eleven vols., by "My Lord of Dunfermling"; Eusebius and Calvin's Epistles, by the Bishop of Caithness; "Rod. Gualtheri Homilise in Galatas, fol., ex dono ipsius auctoris"; and 'Institution du prince de Budee,' by "my Lady Atholl." As might be expected, this last work, with others on the same subject, was a favourite gift-book. From the Bishop of Caithness, who was Robert Stewart, the king's great-uncle, Young also received (f. 12 b) on December 4th (1577?) "the buikes that fallowit, quilk Arthur Wode delyuerit him as being of the Quenis bukes borrowit be his brother Mr. Jhone." The latter, John Wood of Tilliedavy, had been secretary to the Regent Murray, and the eighteen volumes thus recovered formed part of a very much larger number which were handed over to him on November 15th, 1569, as appears from the list attested by his signature printed in 'Inventaires de la Royne Descosse' (Bannatyne Club, 1863), pp. 179-83. Among them are "le premier vol. de Froissard, fol., beau," Lucian, Herodotus, Athenæus, Ptolemy, Chrysostom. 'Mercurii Trismegisti Poemander,' the 'Hist. de Godefroy de Bouillon,' and 'Chronique de Sauoye.

Without dwelling on any intervening matter, must now pass on to the general "Index I must now pass on to the general "Index Librorum Regis," which occupies ff. 15-18. This catalogue comprises some two hundred articles, and not only gives the title, but in nearly all cases states whether the book was bought, presented (and if so, by whom), or came from the library of Queen Mary, with a further note if it was subsequently given away by the king. At the head stand eight Bibles, six of which were presented, including "Biblia Lat. Tiguri were presented, including "Biblia Lat. Figure excusa, fol.," by Alex. Syme; "Bibl. Gallica Magna Lugduni exc., fol.," by the Earl of Argyll (both in 1574); and "Bibl. Britannica Magna, fol.," by "Questor" Richesone. Of five New Testaments only one is in English. This was a donation from Capt. Cocburn, whose name frequently recurs, and was handed on by the king to Lord Aubigny. Another, also noted as given away, is entitled "Nouueau

Test. auec les pseaumes en escossois 16°." The Psalms supply ten entries, the first being "Psalmi Lat. carmine a Dom. Buchanano expressi, 16°," while among the others are found "Psalmes in English, 32°, donnez par la nourrice," and "Psalter in metre and prose, 16°," a gift from the Abbot of Glenluce and "donné par sa majesté à Elizabeth Gib." On February 4th, 1577/8, Elizabeth Gib became Peter Young's wife; and it may be inferred, therefore, that the catalogue was drawn up not later than 1577, and consequently before James was twelve years old. This is the more probable as it does not contain any of the Queen Mary's books which were delivered by the Regent Morton to the king on March 26th, 1578, as comprised in an inventory printed in the Bannatyne Club volume mentioned, p. cxliii. Among donors the Bishop of Caithness is conspicuous, and, classics excepted, his gifts are a fair sample of the rest. Besides two Psalters, he is credited with "The Dial of Princes. L'Institution du Prince de Budé. L'Institution de Mr. Calvin en francoys. Apophthegmata Erasmi. Erotemata dialectica Melanchthon. Emblemata Alciati. Prieres et oraisons Chrestiennes. The perfecte pathweye to salvacion. Heures de recreation de Guicciardini." The Chancellor Lord Glamis was another who concerned himself with the young king's education, giving him Seneca, Paulus Jovius, a Latin-French dictionary, Guicciardini's History, and 'Foxi Morzilli de regni regisque Institutione.' Elsewhere (f. 14) it appears that he tried to interest him in military science, tempting him with 'L'art militaire de Rocque' and the same author's 'Les Ruzes de la guerre.' More to James's taste, no doubt, la guerre. More to James's taste, no doubt, were two volumes given him by Argyll, viz., 'La Venerie de Jaq. du Fouilloux' and 'La Fauconnerie de pluseurs autheurs.' Argyll appealed to another side of his character, though it could hardly have declared itself so early, with 'A Defense of the Apologie be Mr. Jwell' and 'A confutation be Alex' Nowel.' which were his new year's gifts in 1576/7 (f. 13). Buchanan's choice of books is best seen, perhaps, in the purchases, which I have no room here to discuss. As presents his pupil had from him "Institution of a prince par Synesius en francoys. La sphere du monde de Piccol-huomini. La nature des poissons par Belon. Senecæ Tragoediæ." Out of the many lady donors I must name only two. To Lady Mar, wife of his guardian, James was indebted for "Annales de France, avec Philippe de Commines," and to Lady Lennox, his grandmother, for "Jo. Ferrarius of the orderyng of a commounveale. Histoire de nostre temps. Pross Memorables. Riccius de imitatione. The pos Memorables. Riccius de imitatione. The history of Justinus in English," and several more. From his mother he had no books directly by way of gift, nor does Queen Elizabeth's name anywhere occur. Her ambassador, however, the accomplished Henry Killigrew, appropriately gave "The Courtiour, in English" the original, Castiglione's 'Cortegiano,' was presented by Glamis), together with Thevet's 'Singularitez de la France Antartique'; and among other English books it is satisfactory to observe Roger Ascham's 'Toxophilus' and 'Scholemaistre' and Sir T. Elyot's 'Governour.' As for books printed in Scotland, there are probably not half a dozen altogether.

But even with James it was not all work and no play. On f. 18 b are entries of other gifts than books. Even these, indeed, include such aids to learning as "ane pen and ink-horne of syluer" and "ane fueillee of syluer to vret apon"; but among them are also enumerated three "boawis" and five dozen "arrowis," with other archery generated the perfect of the sylvery generated other archery gear, and, more noteworthy still, "2 golf cloubbis," which last were the gift of the Laird of Rossyth. Finally, too precious, as it seems, to be described by any hand but the boy's own, we read of "A tre with brenches and leiues of wyre cled with silk of all hewes, beir-

ing clowis and nutmewgis."

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Though I have already exceeded reasonable limits, a few words must be added about the scribblings, often scarcely decipherable, on the covers and fly-leaves. Many are mere commonplaces, classical quotations and such like, but others are what Young calls "Apophthegmata Regis," consisting of remarks made by James in the course of his studies, and jotted down by his tutor as worthy of record. To say the truth, they are not very brilliant, but I give two or three specimens. "Thay gar me speik Latin or I could speik Scottis" was a complaint which, I could speik Scottis" was a companie which, on the evidence of this book alone, was not unwarranted. There is some spirit, too, in the following: "Cuidam dicenti '3e suld neuer be angrie." 'Than,' sayis he, 'I suld not waire  $y^*$  lyoun in my armes, bot rather a scheip.'" If he really translated  $\mathring{a}\phi'$  ov as "all fou," he must have been poking fun at his pedagogues!

George F. Warner.

THE HARDSHIPS OF PUBLISHING.

31 and 32, Bedford Street, Strand, Jan. 2, 1893.

So far as I have misrepresented the attitude of the Society of Authors and of Mr. Besant in my first letter, I have to make it clear that the misrepresentation was neither intentional nor merely careless, but was based on Mr. Besant's own words or those of accredited pamphlets of the Society; and that I took those words in what appears to me to be their natural sense, and the sense in which most readers must take them. It is entirely satisfactory to learn that that was not the sense in which they were intended. But litera scripta manet; these words will go on being taken as I took them; and the Society will have to act with some vigour in the way of directly counteracting the effect unintentionally, but as it seems to me inevitably, brought about, if it wishes these misapprehensions to disappear.

My authorities are 'The Grievances of Authors and Publishers,' 1887; 'The Cost of Authors and Publishers, 1887; 'The Cost of Production,' third edition, 1891; and Mr. Besant's criticism of my remarks (Athenaeum, December 24th, 1892). These I shall refer to respectively as 'Grievances,' 'Cost,' and

I will now take the corrections in the 'Letter' in order

1. This is a correction of a statement I did not make. What I said was that "expressions are occasionally used by the Society which convey the notion that it endorses the view that publishers in the lump are little better than thieves"—that is, that Mr. Besant and the Society have laid themselves open to being so interpreted.

Of course, no such positive assertion was ever made. I do not suppose in the least that it was ever intentionally implied. I spoke of conveying a notion. Such an impression was very generally produced by Mr. Besant's address ('Grievances,' pp. 14 and following), as shown by Mr. George Smith's letter ('Grievances,' p. 136). More specifically ('Grievances,' p. 24),
"a custom" is spoken of which is fraudulent, "a custom" is spoken of which is fraudulent, and is made possible because the publishers "refuse to let their accounts be examined" (pp. 26, 27), "all alike demanding this immunity" (p. 29), and is referred to as "a widespread system" (p. 172), while it is implied that those who answered Mr. Besant "manifestly intended" to draw attention away from the those who answered Mr. Besant "manifestly intended" to draw attention away from the existence of the said fraudulent custom (p. 172). Also it is stated ('Cost,' p. 1) that "authors have hitherto designedly been kept as much as possible in ignorance of the subject," and are "studiously kept in ignorance" (p. 11) of a bit of it. It is a perfectly natural inference that the writers of those words mean to imply that publishers in the lump (not every individual) deliberately aim at making fraud easy; and people who do that are "little better than thieves."

2. I understand that of the four points criti-

cized ('Letter') this was the one not regarded by Mr. Besant as "without foundation," but am not certain, and therefore give my grounds. The statement in brief was that "the Society treats publishers' working expenses as nonexistent

The Society's definition of "cost of production" expressly omits publishers' working expenses ('Letter'). But throughout the 'Grievances' and the 'Cost' the whole excess of returns over cost of production is regularly referred to as "profits"; and these profits, less reterred to as "profits"; and these profits, less royalty paid to the author, are spoken of as "the publisher's profits" ('Grievances,' p. 33), "what he has for himself" (p. 32), "what he keeps for himself" (p. 33). And in 'Cost' (p. 29) the 7l. of "profit" is called "a poor fee for the publishers' time and trouble." His working expenses are left and trouble." working expenses are left out of count altogether.

Now, how was any one to guess that they were left out of count merely because the question is "awaiting settlement"? It seems to me that unless publishers' working expenses are explicitly included in cost of production, this misapprehension—which is a vital one—must not merely survive, but flourish. If they exist, they must be part of the cost of production; expenses cannot come of profits anyhow. To exclude them from cost of production is to imply that they are non-existent.

In connexion with this question, I would suggest for consideration the fact that the more detail authors demand in their ordinary accounts the larger the publisher's staff must be, and his working expenses will be proportionately increased; and more will consequently be deducted from the net profits, and therefore

from the author's profits.

3. My actual statement was that I understood the authors to say that "no publisher ever loses on a book." Now no one can lose on a book on a book. Now no one can lose on a bost unless he takes real risk. So, merely for purposes of comparison, I will substitute the equivalent proposition that "no publisher ever takes real risk on any book."

In 'Grievances,' pp. 21, 22, Mr. Besant's words are: "Practically, and as a general rule, except in the case of educational books" (which I understand to be left out of discussion by the Society), "we may take it that when the publisher undertakes the whole risk of a book he

knows there are no risks.'

If that does not mean that "practically no publisher ever takes real risk," what does it mean? And the very words of Mr. Besant's correction are: "Very few publishers ever take any risk" ('Letter'). It appears to me at this moment that if I had inserted the word "practically". tically" in my statement, the said statement and the correction would have been to all intents and purposes identical; and the difference made by the omission of the word "practically" is entirely trivial.

Clearly, however, to Mr. Besant the two statements convey totally different impressions, as he says that one is a statement of the facts and the other is without foundation. Hence I am totally at a loss to guess what he really does mean to convey. The fundamental point I take mean to convey. The fundamental point I take to be, Does Mr. Besant mean that, in discussing the amount of profits which should go respec-tively to authors and publishers, publishers' risks are a negligeable quantity? If he does not, he has been grievously misunderstood, and yet his actual correction seems to encourage the mis-understanding. If he does, my statement was in fact, as far as I can see, practically quite accurate.

4. I am defending what I actually said; let us, therefore, be clear what it was that I said. The words Mr. Besant quotes ('Letter'), taken out of their context, give an inaccurate im-pression. I actually said, then, "that I once saw figures, some of which struck me as correct, while, as well as I recollect, others seemed to involve very bad workmanship or else unadulterated sweating." I expressly qualified this by referring to the possibility of the Society's estimators having been moved by abnormal considerations, in my first letter. Those expressions were, perhaps, rather strong for use in speaking of a past impression, even though it was explicitly spoken of as a past impression. But I refer now to the and I do not find practically that my position is affected. I know nothing of the firms who gave or examined the estimates. But I say of these estimates what I said before, with the same qualification. I have carefully gone into those in the first three sections. Some of the figures are correct, but some are such that I would not accept the Society's offer to get my work done for me on those terms, because they seem to me to imply either sweating or bad workmanship, or (a third, but scarcely more complimentary alternative which should have been given before) "cutting" rates, i.e., rates which if generally adopted would necessitate a reduction of wages.

Now I may be wrong. Work may be done "on the cheap" and yet involve none of these three characteristics. But cheap estimates (in three characteristics. But cheap estimates in the absence of special explanation) probably imply one, and perhaps all, of the three. The suggestion conveyed by Mr. Besant's "little story" in his earlier letter was that the publisher did not take the offer made to him, because he habitually got his work done on terms at least as low. I suggest rather that he objected to getting his work done on those terms at all.

To be specific, the figures I refer to are those for "binding," and for "printing" numbers below 1,000. I have had a fairly considerable experience of estimates from various firms, of various standing. The lowest I have ever had, apart from special circumstances, from firms to whom I should be disposed to trust much work, those in the 'Cost'; and some estimates, from firms of the highest standing, have been as much as 48 per cent. higher. If that does not justify me in forming the opinion I have expressed, what would? The only alternative that I can see is that the eminent firms with whom I deal have all systematically overcharged, and the other firms who have given me estimates with the knowledge that they were competing for orders have carefully made their estimates wantonly high: a theory on the face of it somewhat absurd. I have no access to the printers' and binders' wage-books or other accounts on which they base their estimates. I can only say that the figures in question strike me as abnormally cheap; that what is abnormally cheap probably implies sweating, cutting, or bad workmanship; and that it may reasonably be assumed that I am not alone among publishers in holding that view and in acting upon it.

Let me be perfectly clear. I make no charge against the Society. I do not question the bona fides of the figures it gives. What I protest against is any demand being made that we should confine our work to printers and binders whose charges in no case exceed those of the

Society's estimates.

Now let me summarize the results so far. 1) The Society does not wish it to be supposed that it regards publishers in the lump as little that it regards publishers in the lump as howe better than thieves ('Letter'), but it has, un-fortunately, occasionally laid itself open to that suspicion ('Grievances' and 'Cost,' as quoted). (2) The Society excludes publishers' working expenses from its definition of cost of produc-tion, and includes them in "profits" (passim). but regards the extent to which they should be but regards the extent to which they should be recognized in the calculation of profits as an open question ('Letter'). (3) The Society either does or does not regard publishers' risks as a negligeable quantity in calculating the respective share of profits fairly assignable to author and publisher—but which of the two I have failed to escentain; because to manage them. have failed to ascertain; because to my obtuse brain it appears that Mr. Besant says that it

does so regard them, but that I am making an unfounded statement if I say so ('Letter'). (4) Certain specified figures in estimates given by the Society ('Cost') appear to me and to others to mean cheap work, with the objectionable characteristics involved in cheap work; and we therefore consider it misleading to treat those

figures as normal.

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To this I will add two riders: (a) So long as publishers' working expenses are excluded from cost of production, and the money to pay for them is included under publishers' profits, figures understood to show what the author and publisher respectively clear are misleading, because publishers' "profits," so called, are not what the publisher clears. (b) Whether the publishers who take risks be few or many, whether they do or do not include all the great houses which are most widely known and respected, there is no house that has the interests of literature at heart which does not incur risk and sometimes serious loss in producing the work of unknown writers—work which deserves to succeed, but does, in fact, fail. It is a plain and uncontrovertible fact that work even of very high merit by an unknown author is not secure of paying its expenses, and work of only average achievement, but high promise, is on the whole less likely to pay than not; and that work of both kinds is frequently brought out at the publisher's risk, whether the number of the publishers who do so bring it out is small or great.

Mr. Besant will, I am sure, understand that I am not actuated by any desire to fall foul of the Society. I believe its aims to be excellent; I recognize the direct advantages derived from its exposure of methods which are actually fraudulent, and its crusade against practices which, without being fraudulent in themselves, open a door for abuses to creep in. I recognize also the intention to be fair shown both in parts of the 'Grievances' and in the 'Cost,' especially the latter, although I quarrel with some of the figures. Mr. Besant's challenge—a friendly one, I take it—to "verify my quotations" has compelled me to adopt a method of answering it (for the sake of clearness) which may—though I trust it will not—be taken as an attack on the Society itself; because it has forced into prominence a certain personal element which I could have wished to keep out of the discussion, though it has enabled me, as I think, absolutely to justify every statement which I actually made which has been

challenged.

My objects have been solely (1) to call the Society's attention to the fact that it has laid itself open to certain interpretations which stand in the way of its being met in a friendly spirit, and, therefore, of a satisfactory understanding being arrived at; the point being not how its utterances were meant to be taken, but how, as a matter of fact, they commonly are taken; (2) to induce it to take more active steps to remove misapprehensions which undoubtedly exist, and more careful precautions against their revival; (3) to ascertain definitely whether it does or does not postulate certain views with which it is an economic impossibility for publishers to agree; because until each party does understand definitely what the other is postulating there can be little hope of agreement, seeing that misapprehensions are at the bottom of more quarrels than wilful injustice. The justification of the postulates can only be discussed with safety when we know what they are.

#### CHRISTIAN RICHARDT.

The close of 1892 brought to Denmark a sorrow which, in some remote degree, night be compared with our own grief for Tennyson. The sweetest and most popular singer of the nation, the beloved and honoured Christian Richardt, passed away after a long illness on

the 18th of December, in the sixty-second year of his life. At his particular desire he was buried, not in Copenhagen, but in the cloister church of Vemmetofte, in the south of Zealand, of which for many years he was parish priest. Notwithstanding the remoteness of that village, the funeral (on December 23rd) was attended by a vast concourse of persons, the royal family being also represented. The octogenarian Dr. Plong, now the Nestor of Scandinavian literature, was observed among those who followed

the poet to the grave.

Ernst Christian Richardt was born in 1831. He entered the Church, and on Trinity Sunday, 1862, preached his first sermon, in Constantinople, in the Swedish-Norwegian chapel there. After residing in Copenhagen for some ten years, he received the country living of Storehedinge in 1872, whence he was removed to Vemmetofte in 1876. His literary life was almost as uneventful as his professional career. He published his first collection of 'Smaadigte' ('Short Poems') in 1861, and he followed it, at short intervals, by 'Texter og Toner' ('Words and Tones'), 'Billeder og Sange' ('Pictures and Songs'), 'Halvhundrede Digte' ('Fifty Poems'), 'Kantater og Digte' ('Cantatas and Poems'), 'Vaar og Höst' ('Spring and Autumn'), and 'Det hellige Land' ('The Holy Land'), most of which have gone into many editions, although the earliest has remained by far the most oppular. A vandeville, entitled 'Declarationen' ('The Declaration'), written as long ago as 1851, and 'Drot og Marsk' ('King and Marshal'), a recent tragic opera, complete the list of Richardt's works.

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Christian Richardt arrived at a moment when Danish poetry was growing cold and artificial. His warmth, his lyrical freshness, were universally welcome. After a dry time, the well of Danish song began to gush again in him. He was pre-eminently individual, almost elementary. He seemed to start lyrical poetry anew, using with extreme boldness the most modern vocabulary, but giving it distinction by the ductility of his phrase, the melody of his song. He was not an intellectual force; he had nothing to give but music. As Georg Brandes said more than twenty years ago, Richardt was endowed "not so much with poetical thoughts as with quintessentially poetical expression for very ordinary thoughts." He was extremely successful as an occasional poet; his cantatas and official words for music were incomparably skilful. For thirty years he was the uncrowned laureate of Denmark, the singer who could be depended upon to produce something distinguished, appropriate, and melodious upon any given public occasion.

#### KEATS'S COPY OF THE 'ANATOMY.'

76. Sloane Street, Jan. 2, 1893.

To the kindness of Major Charles Brown, of Taranaki or New Plymouth, I noted some years ago in the Atheneum that I owed the gift of Keats's copy of Bacon's 'Advancement of Learning,' with the poet's notes, and of three volumes of Keats's 'Beaumont and Fletcher,' with the drafts of two of Keats's poems in his handwriting. Both these had belonged to Major Charles Brown's father, Charles Brown, Keats's friend. These books were placed by me, with the Keats relics that had been my grandfather's, on permanent loan at the Chelsea Public Library. I have now received from Major Charles Brown another valued present, the second volume of the 1813 edition of Burton's 'Anatomy,' which belonged to Keats and contains many notes by him. I shall at once place it in the Keats case at the same library, where those whose studies give them the right to handle the book will have, by the kindness of the librarian, access to it. Doubtless Mr. Buxton Forman will, when time serves, go thoroughly through the volume. In the mean time I send a brief note of some of the

leading points which strike one in turning over the pages. The volume contains the book-plate of "Mr. Charles Brown." On the title-page it bears, in Keats's writing, "John Keats from Charles Brown, 1819." On Burton's observations with regard to precious stones Keats has made a note, of which the last words are, "Precious stones are certainly a remedy against melancholy: a valuable diamond would effectually cure mine." In a long note on love Keats says: "I do not understand Greek: is the love of God and the love of women expressed by the same word in the Greek?" On the passage which begins "The barbarians stand in awe of a fair woman" Keats has the note, "Abash'd the devil stood." On the words "a fine sweet gentleman, a proper man," Keats writes "Romeo and Juliet." We learn from another note that Keats considers "Pseudo-martyrs" the most bigoted word ever met with. Of Burton's passage on fasting Keats notes his approval. At the end Keats has made a kind of index of a number of points which arise in Burton, of which one refers to 'Lamia,' and at this point in the text we find a pencil note in Charles A. Brown's writing, "Keats's Lamia." (See Buxton Forman's 'Works of Keats,' 1883, vol. ii. p. 40.)

#### MR. BLACK.

WE are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Francis Black last week at his house in Palace Court, Kensington. He was the third son of Adam Black, the founder of the firm, and at one time well known as a friend of Macaulay's, and subsequently as one of the members of Parliament for Edinburgh. Mr. F. Black was educated at the High School of his native city, and then sent to London to learn the business of a publisher. On returning to Edinburgh in 1855 he joined his father's firm, and devoted his attention mainly to its business. He took little part in public affairs, but he was fond of music, and did much for the Edinburgh Choral Union. Two years ago the firm resolved to transfer its headquarters to London, and Mr. Black broke up his home in the suburbs of Edinburgh and transferred himself to London. For a man of sixty it was no small trial to root up the associations of a lifetime. But he made the sacrifice with the cheerfulness that was characteristic of him; yet probably the change told on a constitution that was far from strong, and for the last two or three months his health had been evidently failing. He died quite quietly on the afternoon of the 29th ult.

A shy, nervous manner stood more or less in Mr. Black's way when he encountered strangers, but no one had a kinder heart or was more liked by those who knew him well. He will be greatly missed not merely by his family, but by all who had anything more than a most casual acquaintance with him. He has left two sons and three daughters, and one of the sons is in

the business.

#### ENGLISH LITERATURE IN 1892.

THE year that has just closed will hold a sorrowful pre-eminence in the annals of our country's literature as having witnessed the disappearance of one, the magnitude of whose fame is best realized by the contemplation of the blank he leaves behind—"the length of the sword by the empty sheath." Browning had followed Rossetti and Matthew Arnold into the unknown, but so long as the Laureate remained on earth, the lovers of English poetry might sleep secure. We could, indeed, scarcely think of England without Tennyson any more than without Queen Victoria herself, the achievements of whose reign he had so splendidly commemorated. Now, however, the great mountain

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that overtopped all lesser heights, and towered aloft in lonely grandeur, is withdrawn into the shades of a night that has no ending, and will never again flush crimson at the approach of dawn. This is no place to deal at length with the rich outcome of an unexampled poetic career, or to adjust with critical nicety the paltry less or more of praise and blame; we can but bow the head reverently before such a glorious manifestation of genius, and thank the powers above for permitting it to have been made to us in all its divine completeness.

#### POETRY.

In placing poetry at the head of our yearly review we desire to draw attention to what was undoubtedly the most salient feature of the last twelve months-the appearance of the Laureate at his advanced age in the twofold character of dramatist and poet. Of his charming play 'The Foresters' we propose to speak elsewhere; but the highest position must here at once be accorded to that collection of poems which occupied his thoughts up to the time of his final illness, and was given to the world shortly after the solemn ceremony at Westminster. As we said in our notice of it, "the modern world furnishes no parallel to an unbroken continuity of power running over a period of sixty years such as is shown in this volume." 'The Death of Enone,' from which it took its name, was not equal for sustained and ravishing harmony to the 'Enone' of his poetic prime; but it was a noble example of such blank verse as we shall not soon see again. In 'Akbar's Dream' the wide tolerance of the dead poet in all matters appertaining to religion was once more vividly revealed; while 'The Churchwarden and the Curate' took rank immediately with the happiest of his efforts in the Lincolnshire dialect. We mention these poems alone as showing in what dif-ferent fields the supremacy of his art was maintained to the very latest hours of his life; but it would be easy to cite other specimens of rare and exquisite verse from the pages of this dying bequest. It was a swan-song as beautiful as that of which he wrote many years before, and will linger in the hearts of Englishmen like the closing passage of some great symphony of Beethoven.

The calamity that has fallen upon one of our youngest singers has aroused a sincere and widespread sympathy. That the praise lavished on Mr. William Watson's published work in certain quarters has been injudicious and exaggerated we should be the last to deny, and we are even inclined to believe that these noisy and foolish admirers were to some extent responsible for the mis-fortune that overtook him. But we desire to record our deliberate opinion that in his own special province of critical verse Mr. Watson would have made a great name in the last century. Κόρακες ώς, says Pindar, ἄκραντα γαρύετον, and there was at once much aimless cawing from the poetical rookery over Tennyson's bier; but Mr. Watson's verses were felt to belong to a totally different category from these perfunctory outpourings of cheap sentiment and commonplace morality which appeared in the daily papers. In 'Wordsworth's Grave' Mr. Watson did much to secure an attentive hearing. In

'Lacrymæ Musarum' he has done more, and we must all hope that it will not be long before he has sufficiently recruited his health to attain still greater eminence in the art that he has chosen for his own.

We make no excuse for allotting to Mr. Rudyard Kipling's 'Barrack-Room Ballads' a lofty niche in the poetic shrine of 1892. Our estimate of his powers is already well known, and we have as yet seen no occasion to lower it in any way. Mr. Kipling has endowed English literature, both in prose and verse, with a new genre, which he owes to nobody but himself; and in virtue of that originality he steps in front of those who march on contentedly in well-trodden paths. 'Tommy' and 'Mandalay,' and many another of these wonderful poems, are creations wholly sui generis. Full of the sunshine and savour of the East—with a queer humour and a queerer pathos that are all their own—they have leapt at a bound into a popularity that can scarcely fail to be permanent.

If we cannot say the same for Mr. George Meredith's volume entitled 'The Empty Purse,' it is not because it is destitute of poetic qualities, but because its author seems determined, of malice prepense, to mystify and irritate his unoffending readers. There is much verbal brilliancy in these elever poems, and occasional outbursts of true lyric fervour; but they are, and we fear must remain, what the best poetry never is, absolute caviare to the general.

Two ambitious books of verse by the late Lord Lytton have been published in the course of the year. The first of these, which bore the bitter name of 'Marah,' was a strange medley of unsatisfied cravings and ineffectual regrets, in which the personal note was seldom struck, and which was pervaded by a sense of unreality that deprived it of all but a mechanical charm. 'King Poppy,' on the other hand, is half allegory, half satire, and shows clearly the aim Lord Lytton set before himself.

With 'Fortunatus the Pessimist' Mr. Alfred Austin (whose work is generally respectable and occasionally even admirable) did not do much to advance his claims to the laureateship. The poem was, in truth, sadly dull, and the pretty, but imitative lyrics with which it was interspersed were its chief redeeming feature. Mr. Austin's defect as a writer lies in never knowing when he has said enough: he meanders on, now pleasantly, now pompously, without any apparent suspicion of the fact that he is really only marking time. In strong contrast to this kind of verse-making are the neat craftsmanship and curiosa felicitas of Mr. Austin Dobson, whose recent reprint of 'Beau Brocade' and others of his eighteenth century ballads (delightfully illustrated by Mr. Thomson) is one of the most charming giftbooks we have ever seen.

Lord Houghton in his 'Stray Verses' showed that the mantle of his sire had descended upon his shoulders; and it is to be hoped that he may find time, amid the cares of office and the reception of eulogistic, but embarrassing addresses, to bestow a second volume of graceful and refined verse upon his countrymen. Mr. Wilfrid Blunt's 'Esther, Love Lyrics, and Natalia's Resurrection,' if it did not quite fulfil the promise of the famous 'Love

Sonnets of Proteus,' was a personal re-cord of great interest, and displayed the old virility of thought coupled with the old carelessness of form. Mr. Le Gallienne's contribution to the poetry of the year has been criticized in several quarters as a striking example of the proverb that relates to glass houses and stone-throwers. His introduction contained a severe and (as we think) wholly unmerited indictment of contemporary singers as having grown un-English in their utterance. Yet the very first of his own 'English Poems' was an Italian story; and in not a few of the others there is to be found an undertone of that very "music of France" which he so emphatically condemns. We have outlived the age of sugary ballades and passionate rondeaux, and are entering in these last years of the dying century upon a saner and a more wholesome poetical epoch than Mr. Le Gallienne would have us believe. The fact is, this one-sided onslaught comes some twenty years too late; and its vio-lence is its own refutation. The reception accorded to 'The Last Harvest' of that accomplished, but unhappy poet, Philip Bourke Marston (reverently gleaned by the loving hands of Mrs. Moulton), served, if any proof were needed, to establish the fact that the public of to-day, with its imperial aspirations and its restless energies, is growing impatient of the cloying sweetness of esthetic verse, and looking about it for more strenuous and less lugubrious singers. In the 'Renas-cence' of Mr. Walter Crane the artificiality of the workmanship obscured to some extent the real merits of the writer, which we take to be a genuine sympathy with those classes that are struggling (often, indeed, by doubtful and devious paths) to gain a higher level of existence than they have hitherto enjoyed, and an earnest desire to aid them in their upward course. This is to be in touch, however imperfectly, with the time in which one lives, and by such means, if we are not mistaken, true art is more likely to be produced than by for ever dwelling, in a morbid ecstasy, upon the joys and sorrows of a visionary past. We may class Mr. F. W. Bourdillon and

Mr. Rennell Rodd together as two writers who have scarcely justified the reputation they gained upon their first appearance. In mere prettiness of phrase they both excel, but their verse is weak and thin in texture, and seems in danger of becoming, if it has not already become, a merely elegant exercise. 'A Lost God,' by the former, was a loosely-knit poem describing the quest of one who long sought in vain for the departed Pan, and ultimately found consolation in the new doctrines of Christianity; while in 'The Violet Crown' the latter discoursed, with a fatal fluency, of sunsets and temples, and splashed all the colours of the rainbow over the much-enduring landscape of Athens. Yet the 'Songs of England' in the same volume) breathed the spirit of a true patriotism, and were much more promising than the pieces on which the author probably most prided himself.

The ladies who write verse have not been idle during the past year. Miss Tynan's 'Ballads and Lyrics' were enjoyable for their freshness and spontaneity, and perhaps deserve to be placed higher than the

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Summer Night' of Mrs. Graham Tomson, though we recognized much that was distinctive and original in that unassuming volume. The limited édition de luxe of Violet Fane's (Mrs. Singleton's) poetry, selected from five previous volumes, with some hitherto unpublished pieces, established her claim to be regarded as the Sappho of the fashionable world, while the reprint of Mrs. Meynell's verses (together with essays which we notice elsewhere) recalled attention to a graceful and accomplished writer. Miss Blind's 'Dramas in Miniature' were almost aggressively unconventional, and yet the occasional crudity of their realism was redeemed by the passionate earnestness and eager sympathy of the writer. Miss Hickey's 'Michael Field, Idealist,' was less successful. An attempt to solve the difficult problems of society and politics in ten-syllable lines is apt to result in mere poetical pamphleteering. A lyrical treat-ment of such subjects will sometimes secure attention; but for hard facts we are fain to consult Mr. Charles Booth and his bluebooks rather than these feminine ἐπύλλια. Mrs. Browning herself achieved only a splendid failure with 'Aurora Leigh,' while her 'Cry of the Children' will ring in the ears of posterity with Hood's piteous 'Song of the Shirt' and 'Bridge of Sighs.'

The untimely death of Mr. J. K. Stephen, whose 'Lapsus Calami' and 'Quo Musa Tendis?' (both published in 1891) gave the promise of a second Calverley, deserves more than a passing mention. Into what channel Mr. Stephen's brilliant powers would, under happier circumstances, have been finally directed, it is now useless to speculate; but the Cambridge men of his day regarded him with something of the same enthusiastic admiration that was accorded to Arthur Hallam by his contemporaries in 1830. His singular abilities in conversation and debate—his striking face and massive figure—the strong influence he exerted both morally and intellectually upon his generation—will long be remem-bered at the university as well as in the wider circles of literary London.

The reappearance of Mr. J. A. Blaikie, with a volume of verse entitled 'Love's Victory : Lyrical Poems,' may be chronicled with pleasure. Mr. Henley published another volume, but neither so spontaneous nor so true as his first one, although, like all that Mr. Henley writes, it was exceedingly clever. Mr. Hugh Haliburton's 'Ochil Idylls,' not in metre and vocabulary alone, recalled the mellow lit of Burns; while Mr. Barlow's 'Bogland Studies' were redolent of the peat-reek, and racy with the humours, of the Emerald Isle. Mr. Gale and Mr. MacFie, with 'A Country Muse' and 'Granite Dust' (the former mainly a reprint), proved themselves to be promising additions to the ranks of young poets; and the joint publication, by Messrs. Mackail, Nichols, and Beeching, of 'Love's Looking-Glass' was received with the polite, if not rapturous, approval that its scholarly and pleasing contents de-

#### HISTORY.

The lamented death of Prof. Freeman has cut short in mid-career the stately progress of his monumental work on Sicily, of which the first two volumes appeared in 1891.

The third volume, the preface to which was dated February 1st, 1892, contained the story of the Athenian and Carthaginian invasions. The author's appreciation of the treatment of the former theme by Thucydides (which he described as "a tale more nobly told not only than any other piece of Sicilian history, but than any other piece of the history of mankind") did not lead him to emulate the conciseness of his model. Ye the justified the adoption of his more elaborate method by the frequent pre-sentation in a new light of the facts collected by earlier writers. Nor was it the only book with which, during the year that has past, the famous Oxford professor enriched the world. A fourth series of his 'Historical Essays,' reprinted (with one exception) from various periodicals, comprised a quantity of interesting and recondite information, not always conveniently arranged, and often insufficiently condensed.

There was a touch of irony in the appointment of Mr. Froude to fill Prof. Freeman's vacant chair. But Lord Salisbury (as we hold) did wisely in paying this high compliment to one of the few great living masters of style. Meanwhile he has already given us during the year now under review 'The Spanish Story of the Armada, and other Essays,' which exhibited all his characteristic virtues and defects. His narrative was as brilliant, and his use of his authorities as lax and unsatisfactory, as ever. It is too late in the day, we suppose, to hope that Mr. Froude will begin crossing his t's and dotting his t's after the painstaking fashion of modern research. And, indeed, for our own part we are glad enough to accept him for what he admittedly is, a supremely excellent artist in words, and can even find it in our hearts to wish that there were more historians possessed of an equally fascinating in-dividuality and an equally finished style. Sir James Ramsay's 'Lancaster and

York: a Century of English History,' if disfigured by certain awkwardnesses of manner, was in substance a sterling piece of work. An immense amount of labour must have gone to its compiling, and the result, if not exactly enthralling, was at least a triumph of well-directed erudition. We described it, at the time of its appearance, as "the product of vast industry governed by plain common sense," and we are content to abide by that verdict now.

Of minor historical studies there have, perhaps, been fewer than usual, though it is not improbable that some have escaped our attention. Foremost among them we must place Mr. J. H. Round's original and important book entitled 'Geoffrey de Mandeville: a Study of the Anarchy.' This might be thought to belong more fittingly to the section of Biography; but it is the sub-title which really strikes the key-note of the work, Geoffrey de Mandeville having been selected as "the most perfect and typical representative of the feudal and anarchic spirit that stamps the reign of Stephen." The chief defect of the book was its utter disregard of literary form; but as it was obviously intended for serious students and not for the reading public, this was a matter of no very serious importance. Its scientific value was undoubtedly of the highest kind.
The calumnies that, like tropical mists,

have long obscured the name and fame of Warren Hastings are shrinking and disappearing, one by one, before the sunlight of modern criticism and its fairer methods of investigation. This salutary process was begun by Capt. Trotter in 1878, and continued seven years later by Sir James Stephen in his masterly dismemberment of Macaulay's myth of the judicial murder of Nand-kumár. Prof. Forrest's recent reprint of his introduction to the three folio volumes of the Bengal State Papers (with an appendix) as 'The Administration of Warren Hastings, 1772-1785,' took us several steps further on the right road; and, lastly, Sir John Strachey's powerful exposure of Mill's inaccuracy and Macaulay's malevolence in 'Hastings and the Rohilla War' was another doughty blow struck in favour of the great Proconsul.

Mr. Fraser Rae and Mr. Milner have both written on the present administration of affairs in Egypt, while Major Wingate's 'Ten Years in the Mahdi's Camp' (edited from the original manuscripts of Father Ohrwalder) was a fitting sequel to his 'Mahdiism and the Egyptian Sudan' of the previous year, and gave a very complete and authentic account of the events that have occurred in that "most distressful country" since the fall of Khartoum. The author evidently regards it as England's duty to restore peace and pro-sperity to the region of the Upper as well as the Lower Nile, and does not believe the difficulties of the situation are insuperable. The visit of Mr. Cecil Rhodes to Southern Egypt (which is understood to be in the nature of a preliminary survey for his Trans-African cable) may, perhaps, effect something startling in this direction—but "that is another story." It was not without amusement, and certainly not without in-terest, that his admirers awaited the first essay of Mr. R. L. Stevenson in an un-familiar field. His description of the recent troubles in Samoa, when it appeared under the too-modest title of 'A Foot-note to History,' revealed the spectacle (as we re-marked at the time) "of a master of fiction struggling, on the whole successfully, with the trammels of fact."

The second volume of Mr. Evelyn Abbott's 'History of Greece' provoked once more the inquiry whether the enterprise upon which its author has embarked quite justifies its existence. It was, like its predecessor, scholarly in conception and con-venient in form; but it will scarcely, we fancy, take more than a respectable position among the accredited authorities.
Mr. Walter Besant's 'London' was an attempt to present a continuous picture of the city and its people from age to age, and was generally regarded as extremely suc-cessful. Mr. Besant has a remarkable aptitude for recreating and revivifying the past, and his ingeniously panoramic treatment of his huge and unwieldy topic was beyond praise. In his studies of 'The Afghan Wars, 1839-42 and 1878-80, Mr. Archibald Forbes gave a short and soldierlike narrative of two very critical periods in the annals of our Indian Empire; while Mr. J. D. Rees's well-written account of 'The Duke of Clarence in Southern India' acquired a pathetic interest from the untimely death of the chief actor in its

pages very shortly after it issued from the press.

BIOGRAPHY.

Biographies and autobiographies continue to be the rage, and the second childhood of the century mumbles its meal of "reminiscences" and "recollections" with unabated ardour. In one volume, in two volumes, yea, even (occasionally) in three, the sayings and doings of our beloved countrymen pour from the press. The task of reviewing this mass of anecdotic matter is a herculean one, but we must not shrink from it, though in some cases it may suffice to do little more than mention the writer and his, or her, book by name. Mr. Austin Dobson has rewritten, extended, and revised his life of 'William Hogarth,' published about ten years ago in a popular series. As it now stands it offers an excellent example of that rarest of literary products, a really well-constructed memoir, and as a book of reference, for all practical purposes, it could scarcely be bettered. 'The Life and Works of John Arbuthnot, M.D.,' by Mr. Aitken, is a careful monograph on the famous physician of Queen Anne's Court, whose wit and wisdom, overflowing from a kindly heart, made him the best beloved of

The most substantial (if not, perhaps, the most interesting) thing in this line that the year has produced was Mr. Wright's laborious 'Life of William Cowper,' which was conscientiously minute, and at the same time sympathetic in treatment. It lacked, indeed, the vivacity of Southey's narrative; but it gave a far completer account of the gentle hypochondriac and his surroundings, and, in spite of its somewhat heavy style, is not likely to be ever ousted from its posi-

In virtue of the occurrence of his quatercentenary Christopher Columbus has come in for considerable notice during the past Markham's pen in the series of "The World's Great Explorers," there was produced by Mr. Elton a study, called 'The Career of Columbus,' dealing with the character of that "Ancient Mariner" rather than the controversial questions arising out of his voyages. In treating of Sir Walter Raleigh Mr. Stebbing added yet another to the fourteen or fifteen "lives" of the great Elizabethan adventurer, without appreciably increasing our knowledge of his subject for all his patient sifting of documentary dust-heaps.

In an altogether different vein was Mrs. Ritchie's (Miss Thackeray's) charming 'Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning.' Leaving for a while the whimsical creations of her delicate fancy, she set herself to describe real people engaged in real pursuits. In language of singular grace she touched lightly and suggestively upon various occasions in the lives of her three heroes, and brightened her pages by continually dashing off little thumbnail sketches of them "in their habits as they lived." The recollections of Tennyson possess, of course, at the present time a special interest, and Mrs. Ritchie's description of the poet's home at Farringford is one of the most exquisite passages in her subtle and fascinating book.

Of distinguished artists there have been several biographies, which attained various measures of success. In 'John Leech, his Life and Work,' Mr. Frith gossiped agreeably of the great draughtsman's designs, and seasoned his compilation with a profusion of anecdotes, many of which were new. The 'Reminiscences of Charles West Cope, R.A.,' would have contained more amusing gossip about art and artists in the thirties, forties, and fifties of the century had they not been so severely edited by his son. 'The Life and Letters of Joseph Severn, by Mr. W. Sharp, was a more ambitious attempt, but did not secure general commendation, partly from the confused way in which some of its chapters were put together, and partly from the utter inadequacy of its illustrations. Too much space was also given to the wrangling of poor Keats's friends after his death, a matter with which Severn had but little concern. Mr. Stannus's finely illustrated volume upon 'Alfred Stevens and his Work' was a stately tribute to that acknowledged master. Mr. A. H. Palmer reissued in an enlarged form the biography of his father, under the name of 'The Life and Letters of Samuel Palmer, Painter and Etcher,' of which the "Letters" (hitherto unpublished) were the most important part. Finally, Mr. Story produced an elaborate 'Life of John Linnell.'

The indefatigable Dr. Smiles secured a congenial, if somewhat unusual subject in Jasmin: Barber, Poet, and Philanthropist,' and gave a pleasing portrait of the Gascon bard in his well-known manner. For the Religious Tract Society Dr. George Smith wrote a 'Life of Henry Martyn, Saint and Scholar.' Mrs. Josephine Butler gave in her 'Recollections of George Butler' an interesting, if slightly egotistical account of her genial and scholarly husband's useful but uneventful career. In strong contrast to this last-named, and in illustration of the many-sided character of English society, we may instance the 'Racing Life of Lord George Cavendish Bentinck, M.P.,' written by Mr. John Kent, the famous trainer, and edited by the Hon. Francis Lawley, which contained certain "Other Reminiscences" of even greater general interest than its leading theme, and notably a short memoir of Sir W. H. Gregory, who, after being ruined on the turf, became an excellent Governor of Ceylon.

Of a quasi-biographical kind was Sir Charles Gavan Duffy's 'Conversations with Carlyle,' the main purpose of which was to tone down the shadows and heighten the lights of the picture painted of Carlyle's home life by Mr. Froude. Written by one who knew the seer of Chelsea intimately for many years, this testimony must have due weight, and will be gratifying to those who felt a painful surprise at Mr. Froude's revelations and wished to believe them overdrawn. Sir M. E. Grant Duff prefixed a brief sketch of Sir Henry Maine's career to a selection from the Indian speeches and minutes of the great jurist. The volume thus prepared formed a worthy tribute to the memory of one who made more substantial additions than any of his contemporaries to the legal knowledge of his time. 'Emma Lady Hamilton: an Old Story

Retold,' was a polemical volume from the

pen of Mrs. Gamlin, who took up the cudgels for her heroine with more zeal than discretion. Mr. Ropes produced a pleasant book upon the attractive subject of 'Lady Mary Wortley Montagu,' by means of a selection of passages from her letters, illustrated by comments of his own, and an introductory memoir, which (like the last-named) was somewhat partisan in character.

Dr. Bradshaw presented the world with a very fine edition of Lord Chesterfield's Letters, in which he adopted the same scheme of arrangement as Lord Mahon, but was able to make some material additions to the contents of that standard collection, which has been for some time almost inaccessible from its increasing rarity. Dr. Johnson was not so fortunate as Lord Chesterfield in his editor, for the excluded letters in Dr. Birkbeck Hill's two volumes, which also saw the light in the year that has just closed, were too numerous, and their absence was scarcely atoned for by the profuse notes supplied by the painstaking industry of a genuine enthusiast.

One of the most charming books in the period under review was Miss North's 'Recollections of a Happy Life,' edited by her sister, Mrs. J. A. Symonds. The extraordinary energy of this remarkable woman, whom no difficulties could deter from the realization of her audacious ideal, was worthily commemorated in her own modest and humorous language. Those who have never visited the gallery at Kew Gardens which contains the harvest of Miss North's "happy life," in the shape of an unrivalled series of botanical sketches and landscapes, should lose no time in making a pilgrimage there with this volume in their hands. No less attractive, with their quaint alphabetical arrangement, were the pleasant recollections of Dean Hole, who gossiped in the most entertaining fashion of horse-racing, horticulture, and other more serious topics. The autobiography of Mr. Santley is another readable specimen of

this class of literature. Two autobiographies of a somewhat similar kind may be classed together here. We allude to Mrs. Andrew Crosse's 'Red-Letter Days of my Life' and Dr. Gordon Hake's 'Memories of Eighty Years.' Both of them teemed with anecdotes and reminiscences of interesting and celebrated people. The same may be said of Dr. Boyd's (A. K. H. B.'s) two volumes, published at intervals of some months, and entitled 'Twenty-five Years of St. Andrews.' Nor must we forget Mr. W. Bell Scott's 'Reminiscences,' which have excited a good deal of indignation by the bitter way in which he wrote of his famous contemporaries. 'The Life and Times of Sir George Grey, K.C.B., by the Messrs. Rees, gave an account of the career of one of those ardent and indomitable spirits who have helped to build up the British Empire, often in defiance of their departmental chiefs at home. The 'Diaries of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart,' which were prefaced by an appreciative outline of their author's strenuous career from Sir Theodore Martin's pen, owed their interest to the intimate connexion between the late chairman of the Great Western Railway and its brilliant constructor Brunel. The 'Autobiography of Isaac Williams, B.D.' (edited by Sir George Prevost), was

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a brief and unpretentious account of a man whose friendship with the leaders of the Tractarian party was his chief title to the notice of the present generation.

The public still seems to find pleasure in the short monographs on great statesmen, explorers, and other personages which are provided for it by the enterprise of various publishers. Among the "Prime Ministers of Queen Victoria" we had, in 1892, 'Viscount Palmerston,' by the Marquis of Lorne, and 'The Earl of Derby,' by Mr. Saints-bury, which were creditable, if not remarkable, performances. In the series entitled "Rulers of India," Sir Henry Cunningham discoursed (with the masterly ease that might have been expected from the author of 'The Chronicles of Dustypore') of 'Earl Canning,' while Sir Lepel Griffin and Mr. Boulger on the whole did justice to 'Ranjit Singh' and 'Lord William Bentinck.' Finally, wemust give a word to Prof. Nichol's 'Thomas written for Messrs. Macmillan's "English Men of Letters," and Prof. Fraser's somewhat superfluous 'Locke,' produced at the bidding of Messrs. Blackwood.

#### FICTION.

The ingathering of 1892 in the shape of novels and short stories showed little or no decline, either in quantity or quality, from that of 1891. Mr. Meredith gave us nothing except the small volume of poems we have already acknowledged; and Mr. Hardy (after his striking success of the preceding year with 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'), Mr. Blackmore, and "Lucas Malet" were also silent. But the younger writers were well to the fore, and several reputations were satisfactorily maintained, if not (as in the case of Mrs. Clifford) materially advanced.

Mrs. Humphry Ward would have been more than human if she had refrained from a second venture on the lines of 'Robert Elsmere.' The public did not, however, press with quite such eagerness to the theo-logical banquet spread for it in 'David Grieve' as on the former occasion, and it must be confessed that, while in some respects (and notably in the construction of its plot) the new study in unorthodoxy was more successful than the old, there was much that was tedious in the realism of certain sections of the tale, and not a little that was unpleasant as well as artificial in the Parisian episode, upon which the author had evidently spent especial pains. Mrs. Ward has now described two religious types in 'Robert Elsmere' and 'David Grieve,' both arriving by different roads at the new Unitarianism which she herself affects, and it remains to be seen whether she will succeed in evolving a third. For our own part we must frankly say that we would rather take our theology in the form of sermons or essays than from the pages of a novel; but it is plain that this opinion is not shared by the majority of our countrymen or of our American cousins.

To turn to the work of another lady, we have great pleasure in recognizing the strides made during the past twelve months in the practice of her art by Mrs. W. K. Clifford. Her first piece of work, a collection of short stories called The Love-letters of a Worldly Woman' (presented in an epistolary form), was remarkably clever, and it was speedily fol-

lowed by a brilliant little novel which at once secured the attention of the public. The heroine of 'Aunt Anne' was an altogether new character in fiction, and, in spite of the repulsiveness of the scoundrel on whom the poor old lady lavished her affection, Mrs. Clifford somehow succeeded in rendering the details of their ill-assorted union if not attractive, at least not wholly improbable. Her fondness for "showing ' the male sex was apparent in the third volume that came from her pen in the course of 1892, consisting of reprints from various weekly and monthly journals, under the title of 'The Last Touches, and other Stories.' But that fact did not detract from its artistic excellence, and it must be acknowledged that Mrs. Clifford as a novelist stands much higher than she did at the time

of our last general review.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in conjunction with the late Mr. Balestier, produced a striking story, the scene of which was laid partly in a mushroom Western townlet, and partly in an effete Indian native state. The contrast thus suggested was worked out with great ability; but, on the whole, 'The Naulahka' seemed to show that Mr. Kipling runs better in single than in double harness. It need scarcely be said, however, that in the descriptions of Eastern scenery and manners the masterly touch which delighted and amazed us in his earlier work was nowhere wanting. Another instance of the dangers of collaboration was afforded by 'The Wrecker,' the joint production of Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Lloyd Osbourne. The mystery, when it was finally revealed, was scarcely adequate to the occasion; and the reader's mind revolted from the horrible scenes of callous butchery with which the story was disagreeably diversified. Mr. Rider Haggard must regret the good old days of African adventure, before Mr. Rhodes's prosaic railways and telegraphs carried the blessings (and curses) of civilization into solitudes untrodden save by the foot of savage man. In 'Nada the Lily' he rang the changes once more, with tedious iteration, upon the loves and wars of Zululand, and attempted, with but indifferent success, to portray the character of Chaka and the rise of his military despotism. On the other hand, 'The Blue Pavilions,' by Q, was a spirited tale of adventure by land and sea, which fully sustained its author's reputation for knowledge of human nature and unconventionality of treatment. Its hero and heroine were wholly subordinate in interest to the two irascible old sea-dogs whose humours enlivened a singularly fresh and pleasant volume. In 'Don Orsino' Mr. Marion Crawford continued his series of Italian stories, which began with 'Sara-cinesca' and 'Sant' Ilario.'

Mr. Black (after reprinting some short stories under the name of 'The Magic Ink, and other Tales') has deserted the lochs and mountains of the Western Highlands for the coasts of Sicily and the Crimea, yet the dramatis personæ of his 'Wolfenberg' have a strong family likeness to his early heroes and heroines. Nor was Mr. Clark Russell's last story, 'A Strange Elopement,' very unlike its predecessors: give him a young man, a young woman, an angry parent, with his usual nautical properties, and Mr. Clark Russell may always be relied upon

to do his duty in the way that England expects of him. Miss Broughton has contented herself with a clever but somewhat slight sketch, 'Mrs. Bligh.'

Mr. Norris's novel 'His Grace' was written in that author's usual racy and readable style. The story of the follies and reverses of the young Duke of Hurstbourne (who plays Charles Surface to his cousin's Joseph) was briskly and cynically told by his friend and confident. There are few novelists so familiar with the sayings and doings of "society" as Mr. Norris, and he moves easily and gracefully among his rather shallow-souled and empty-headed personages.

Mr. Edmund Gosse's first appearance among the novelists was awaited with curiosity. It was generally acknowledged that 'The Secret of Narcisse' is a delicate piece of word-painting, and that the tenuity of its plot is redeemed by the charm of its style. Like its author's poetry, it had a distinct flavour and fragrance of its own, and afforded another proof (if one were needed) of the freshness and versatility of

Mr. Gosse's talents.

Mr. Zangwill's 'Children of the Ghetto' was a work of some promise dealing with a little-known section of society, into the ways of which Miss Amy Levy, had she lived, would probably have given us more than one glimpse. 'Jenny's Case,' by Miss Pinsent, and 'Dark: a Tale of the Down Country,' by an anonymous writer, may be classed together, as two clever stories recalling in style and subject Mrs. Woods's famous 'Village Tragedy.'

Dr. Conan Doyle's 'Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' has attained a wide popularity, and well deserved to be reprinted. There have been no better "detective stories" published in this country for many years, and they are on a far higher literary level than the somewhat tawdry mysteries of Mrs. Henry Wood, which had

a very similar vogue.

'Capt'n Davy's Honeymoon' was a collection of three short stories which will not greatly affect Mr. Hall Caine's reputation one way or the other. 'The Blind Mother' was, on the whole, the must successful of the triad, with its unpretentious simplicity and its pathetic close. 'The Duchess of Powysland, by Mr. Grant Allen, was little better than hackwork; and in 'Verbena Ca-mellia Stephanotis' Mr. Besant republished, along with his powerful "shocker" 'The Demoniac,' two or three other slight sketches of only ephemeral interest. Mr. Mallock's novel 'A Human Document' was amateurish and inartistic in form, but was full of sharp sentences and telling descriptions. Its subject was morbid and unpleasant, yet the cleverness of the writer went far to atone for it. 'The Heir-Presumptive and the Heir-Apparent' revealed no signs of failing power in that accomplished writer Mrs. Oliphant, though it was perhaps scarcely equal to some of the best of her earlier works or to her other contribution to the fiction of the year, 'The Cuckoo in the Nest.' A word of praise is due to Miss Emily Lawless's 'Grania: the Story of an Island.

and 'The Tower of Taddeo' showed Ouida at her best, among the Italians whom her soul loveth, and far away from her dissipated guardsmen and doubtful dukes. Mr. St. Aubyn's 'The Old Maid's Sweetheart' might be regarded as a not unsuccessful attempt on somewhat similar lines to the clever book of Mrs. Clifford, to which we 'Mona Maclean' have already referred. was a humorous novel by a new aspirant, whose name appeared on its title-page as Graham Travers; and in his recently pub-lished story, 'The Veiled Hand,' Mr. Wicks revealed himself as a writer of quite un-common subtlety and strength.

#### BELLES-LETTRES, ETC.

Among the numerous volumes dealing with literature which have seen the light in 1892 the transcript from Mr. Anstey's notes of certain lectures delivered by Carlyle in 1838 holds a prominent place. Hitherto only known from Prof. Dowden's extracts, these 'Lectures on the History of Literature,' though merely a condensed and secondhand report of Carlyle's own utterances, were carefully (if somewhat naïvely) edited by Prof. Greene and Mr. Karkara in two distinct issues, the latter of which was pub-

lished in Bombay.

Mr. Stevenson's reputation as a writer was first established by his 'Inland Voyage' and 'Travels with a Donkey,' and his most recent volume, 'Across the Plains, with other Memories and Essays, was a worthy successor to those two very charming little books. He has a sublime disregard for details of time and place, but he links arms with us, as it were, and we travel in company with him by the crowded emigrant train across America, just as we have before shared his vigils under the stars or paddled in his canoe. The remainder of the volume was of less importance, but a word must be spared for 'The Letter of Advice to a Young Gentleman who proposes to embrace the Career of Art'—an admirable pronouncement, terse, vigorous, and inspiring.

Mr. Andrew Lang has recently been so chary of his favours that it was with unfeigned pleasure that we welcomed his de-lightful 'Angling Sketches.' No one but Mr. Lang so happily combines the love of sport with the finished style of the literary expert—be it cricket, golf, or fly-fishing, nihil tetigit quod non ornavit—and his book was as enjoyable to anglers as to that not unimportant personage, the general reader. Another agreeable contribution to the belleslettres of the past year was Mr. Edmund Gosse's 'Gossip in a Library.' Mr. Gosse took down from his shelves a number of halfforgotten books, and allowed them to have their say without ever suffering them to become tiresome. We know no writer who wears his learning more lightly, or who (for that very reason) is better calculated to arouse an interest in the study of pure literature, than the compiler of these pleasant pages. Mr. Saintsbury, one of the most painstaking and cultivated of our modern literati, gave us a volume of 'Miscellaneous Essays,' containing specimens of the work of twenty years.

We may place in one category three volumes of reprinted magazine articles: Sir Herbert Maxwell's 'Meridiana,' Miss Mozley's 'Essays from Blackwood,' and

Mr. W. L. Courtney's 'Studies at Leisure.' The contents of these collections were all, for the most part, of an ephemeral character: Of the three, Mr. Courtney's 'Studies' were a good deal the best, both in substance and

Few more interesting books were published in 1892 than Mr. J. L. Kipling's 'Man and Beast in India.' To a scientific knowledge of the subject with which he dealt its writer added that originality of expression which has so much delighted the world in the work of his gifted son. He was artist as well as author, and his admirable illustrations were one of the most welcome features of a highly attractive volume. As another excellent study of the East we may here notice the late Miss Edwards's 'Pharaohs, Fellahs, and Explorers.' Sir Edwin Arnold's 'Japonica' was a pleasant medley of memories and impressions derived from his sojourn among the isles of the Mikado; while Mr. George Curzon's able monograph on 'Persia and the Persian Question' was distinguished by the workmanlike thoroughness which is understood to characterize the writer, not in

literary pursuits alone.

Mr. Anstey's 'Voces Populi,' reprinted (with Mr. Bernard Partridge's capital pictures) from Punch, were brilliant examples of that elever writer's humorous verbal photography; and Mr. Augustine Birrell's 'Res Judicatæ' showed the same delicate insight and subtle appreciation of the niceties of literature as the two famous

series of 'Obiter Dicta.'
"A Son of the Marshes" has continued during the year (under the sympathetic editorship of Mrs. Owen) those researches into natural history which have shown him to be a not unworthy successor of Richard Jefferies. His last volume, 'Within an Hour of London Town,' contained the same vivid descriptions of bird and beast as its immediate predecessor, 'On Surrey Hills.'

We must not forget to mention the new volume of the "Abbotsford Series," which was devoted to 'Mediæval Scottish Poetry,' on the whole satisfactorily edited by Mr. Eyre-Todd; nor that of 'The Poets and Poetry of the Century,' which comprised the period from Frederick Tennyson to Arthur Hugh Clough, and maintained the fair level of execution already achieved by Messrs. Hutchinson's ambitious publication.

Mr. Lang has provided a third 'Fairy Book' (this time clad in green) for Christmas reading; and the excellent English and Celtic fairy tales edited by Mr. Jacobs have been followed by a collection of Hindu origin. Mr. Ford's and Mr. Batten's illustrations to these two charming gift-books should not pass without a word.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL ECONOMY, ETC.

The highest place in this department must be awarded to Prof. Sidgwick's 'Elements of Politics,' a comprehensive work which included in its survey every political topic. It was characterized by his well-known virtues of lucidity and sobriety, and revealed on every page the breadth of his knowledge and the acuteness of his observation. There is, in our opinion, no more subtle intelligence at work at the present day than Mr. Sidgwick's in that difficult region where ethics and politics overlap, and every one whose interest in such subjects is not confined to the recitation of party watchwords will feel grateful to him for the ability and industry with which he collects and weighs the facts that underlie the multifarious political fabrics of to-day.

Sir William Anson, after a period of six years, has added another volume to his monumental work on 'The Law and Custom of the Constitution.' This second part dealt with 'The Crown,' and was distinguished by the same thoroughness and accuracy as its predecessor. Its object (as its author told us) was to show "how the executive Government of the Empire is conducted" -i.e., the action of the Crown in Council as separate from the action of the Crown in Parliament. To all thoughtful students this learned and yet luminous volume may

be confidently recommended.

At a crisis in the agricultural fortunes of our country, the issues of which it is impossible to predict, a book like Mr. Garnier's 'History of the English Landed Interest' could not fail to excite some special attention, and was well worth the study of those who talk on farming subjects without taking the trouble to provide their theories with a basis of fact. If not always immaculate in point of historical detail, it was an excellent summary of the questions with which it was professedly occupied—the customs, laws, and agriculture of the landed classes-and was informed with a practical spirit often wanting to such treatises. Dr. Cunningham has added a second volume to his erudite treatise on the 'Growth of English Industry and Commerce,' which we reviewed so recently that it is unnecessary to do more than mention it here. In 'The Grammar of Science' Prof. Pearson gave us a valuable and interesting work, which was disfigured by certain blemishes of taste and expression. The recent failure of the Brussels Conference to arrive at any conclusion on the important subjects which it was convened to discuss lends a fresh interest to the able statement by Dr. Giffen of 'The Case against Bimetallism,' which appeared earlier in the year, in the form of a collection of essays and articles written at different times for various journals. They were not recast by the writer, "for want" (as he said) "of time and strength," and were thus scarcely so systematic in arrangement or so complete in scope as might have been wished.

#### DRAMA.

The past year has not been conspicuous for the production of such plays as deserve to be classed as literature. The gloom which was cast over the country at its outset by the death of the Duke of Clarence affected the dramatic world as well as all other sections of society, and managers were little disposed to show themselves adventurous. By far the most interesting contribution to the theatrical répertoire of 1892 was the late Lord Tennyson's drama 'The Foresters: Robin Hood and Maid Marian,' which was brought out, with much more than a success d'estime, by the Daly Company in New York, early in the spring. It was essentially a picture-play, with only a slight and simple plot, but was rich in exquisite lyrics, and full of fine passages of blank verse in the Laureate's best manner. It ha stage acute will ence. writte two inten Mr. trage

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It has not yet been seen in London, and it is to be hoped that when it is put upon the stage in this country the verdict of our acute and cultivated Transatlantic cousins will be confirmed by a metropolitan audience. Besides 'The Foresters,' professedly written for public representation, there were two other dramas which were presumably intended to be read rather than acted. Mr. Swinburne's somewhat structureless tragedy, 'The Sisters,' was not generally regarded as a success, though it contained some magnificent lines and several charming songs. There is little doubt, however, that if the author of 'Erechtheus' and 'Mary Stuart' would consent to pay a little more attention to his plots he might give us a modern play of a realistic type that would confer upon the Victorian age some of the prestige that now attaches to the Elizabethan drama alone. 'Nero and Actéa,' by Mr. Eric Mackay, was melodramatic in style and graceful in diction; but it may be questioned whether, in spite of some strong situations and the striking, if unpleasant, characteristics of the chief dramatis personæ, it is really adapted for the stage. Of 'Fortunatus the Pessimist' (Mr. Alfred Austin's rather tedious poem) we have already spoken. Though quasi-dramatic in form, it would be unsuited for theatrical purposes, from the reflective tone of its verse and its almost complete lack

Mr. Pinero and Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, who by the publication of their plays in a permanent form have laid claim to a more than temporary reputation as dramatists, have (so far as we know) been silent during the past year. A word must ceraining the past year. A word must cer-tainly be given to Mr. Oscar Wilde's clever and satirical comedy 'Lady Windermere's Fan,' which was studded with verbal paradoxes, and delighted the London playgoer for several months with the counterfeit presentment of his own absurdities. Difficulties with the Lord Chamberlain arose over the production of Mr. Wilde's 'Salomé' (in which Madame Bernhardt was to have appeared); but the fortunes of that drama belong rather to French than English literary history. Mr. Carton in 'Liberty Hall' gave us an old-fashioned piece of work of the Robertsonian school; but Mr. J. M. Barrie (who has for the time abandoned novel-writing for the fiercer joys of the playwright) in 'Walker, London,' struck upon and developed a new and original vein of humour with the happiest possible results. As to the artistic merits of his more recent farcical comedy, the American critics seem to be unanimous; and we may doubtless look forward to many more amusing works from a writer of his brilliant and unconventional talents.

#### Literary Gosstp.

Mr. Bentley is about to publish a volume of 'Recollections of Twenty Years in Parliament,' with which Mr. W. M. Torrens has been occupied for some time past. The serious topics touched upon are those, of course, that interested him when he sat for Finsbury. The anecdotes are not always equipped with dates.

MADAME RENAN has been left by her | 1877 to 1883.

husband his literary executrix, he giving her full powers to dispose of his papers at her discretion. M. Renan disapproved of the publication of correspondence, believing that it did not give an accurate view of a writer's opinions, and thought that he had in his own case expressed himself more fully in his books than in his letters. He had, therefore, taken measures to destroy the latter, and none will appear; but an elaborate letter to Père Hyacinthe will be printed, as it is rather a formal treatise than a familiar epistle, and is said to be a notable piece of French prose. M. Psichari, with the aid of some Orientalists, will draw up a catalogue of Renan's library, designed not merely to serve that purpose, but to be a substantial addition to Oriental bibliography.

For some years past M. Renan had ceased attempting to keep up with the literature of his special subjects, regarding his task as accomplished, and devoted most of his leisure to the keeping of a journal of his moods and trains of thought, in which he had for many years before made occasional notes. This will very possibly be printed with such notes and elucidations as his widow alone is in a position to supply. For instance, she had a favourite cat which retreated under her bed when it felt itself dying. In the middle of the night it came out and feebly tried to climb on to the bed. Madame Renan helped it up, and found it the next morning lying dead at her feet. This was signified in her husband's journal

Following their edition of Jane Austen's novels, and produced in a similar style, Messrs. J. M. Dent & Co. will issue at the end of this month Miss Burney's 'Evelina' in two volumes, with seven photogravure illustrations, including a reproduction of Edward Burney's portrait of Fanny.

by "Chat: un quart d'heure de regret."

The same publishers have in preparation a series of small volumes, entitled "The Bon-Mots Series," edited by Mr. Walter Jerrold (grandson of Douglas Jerrold), consisting of a collection of the witty sayings of such writers as Sydney Smith, Sheridan, Lamb, Douglas Jerrold, Foote, Quin, and Theodore Hook. The first volume, which will be published very shortly, will be devoted to the two first named, and besides the portraits of the authors will be ornamented with a series of grotesque designs by Mr. Aubrey Beardsley interspersed with the text.

THE subject of the Clark Lectures at Trinity College, Cambridge, next term will be 'Chaucer and his Works.'

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. will publish almost immediately in their "Classical Library" Dr. Sandys's edition of 'Aristotle's Constitution of Athens.' It is the most elaborate edition that has yet appeared of this much-discussed treatise. It consists of a revised text, with an introduction, critical and explanatory notes, testimonia, and indices. The editor has specially aimed at bringing out the importance of the treatise in regard to (1) the constitutional history and (2) the legal antiquities of Athens.

This week's number of Notes and Queries contains the third instalment of its 'Contributions to a Bibliography of Mr. Gladstone,' 1877 to 1883.

The extensive publishing and wholesale business of Mr. John Heywood, of Manchester, was founded by the grandfather of the present proprietor fifty years ago, and a jubilee description of the rise and progress of the house has just been issued. From a very small beginning it has achieved its present magnitude, some idea of which may be formed from the statement made that the morning's postal delivery averages 1,500 communications.

The death is announced of Léon Contanseau, for many years Professor of French in the Royal Indian Military College at Addiscombe, and examiner in French for military appointments. M. Contanseau was the author of a large number of educational works, and of a French dictionary still extensively used. He died at Neuilly on the 23rd of December in his eighty-first year.

Besides Prof. Vinogradoff's article on 'Folk-land,' which we mentioned last week, the forthcoming number of the English Historical Review will contain papers on 'Adrian IV.'s Bull for Ireland,' by Miss Norgate; 'Mary and Anne Boleyn,' by Mr. James Gairdner; and 'Marshal Villars,' by Judge O'Connor Morris.

Messrs. Putnam's Sons will publish at the end of January a military history of 'The Campaign of Waterloo,' by Mr. J. C. Ropes. Mr. Ropes maintains that the historians of this campaign, with a few exceptions, have been unable to review the facts with complete impartiality; and the recent clearing up of some obscure points encourages him to attempt the task in his forthcoming volume. The text is accompanied by a folio atlas of fourteen battle plans and maps, eleven of which indicate the successive positions of the French, British, and Prussian armies during the famous four days.

THE untimely death of Mr. Schrumpf removes a philologist with a remarkably wide range of knowledge and some attainments that are rare, if not unique, in England. His speciality was Armenian, and the paper read by him at the last Oriental Congress is confessedly the best account that has yet appeared of the place of Armenian in the literatures of the world. He was familiar with all the Romanic languages, and had besides more than a speaking acquaintance with Finnish and Russian. But Mr. Schrumpf was something more than a mere linguist, and his numerous contributions to the Transactions of the Philological Society show his thorough grasp of the fundamental laws of language and his power to marshal and co-ordinate the multifarious phenomena with which his memory was stored. As a teacher he will be chiefly remembered by his 'Aryan Reader,' and the popular ele-mentary German books that he wrote in connexion with M. Havet. Mr. Schrumpf was by origin an Alsacian, that sturdy race which combines German thoroughness with a spice of the esprit gaulois. He came to England in 1866, and after various engage ments as a private tutor and a lecturer in modern languages, he was appointed in 1885 to a mastership in University College School, which he retained to his death, his fatal seizure occurring only a few hours after he had left school.

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'OTTILIE,' "Vernon Lee's" clever story, is to be added to the "Pseudonym Library."

A NEW illustrated daily is to come out shortly. Meanwhile the Daily Graphic has published an illustrated summary of the events of last year, a wonderful pennyworth. Among other journalistic events it may be noticed that Mr. Morse Stephens has brought out the first number of the new series of India.

THE name of Miss Charlotte Yonge should be added to the list we gave last week of the Committee of the Literary Section of the Women's Work Committee for the Chicago Exhibition.

From Paris comes the news of the death of M. Albert Delpit, the well-known novelist.

"They manage things differently in France." Fatigued with fourteen years' editorial responsibility on Le Livre, Le Livre Moderne, and L'Art et l' Idée, and anxious to see the Chicago Exposition, M. Octave Uzanne announces that the last-named periodical will be discontinued for a year, and that its publication will be resumed on the 10th of January, 1894. The experiment is new and daring. We shall watch with some interest the result.

Messes. Hinrichs, of Leipzig, will shortly publish 'Beiträge zum altbabylonischen Privatrecht,' by Dr. Bruno Meissner. The work will contain fifty-five lithographed plates of cuneiform texts, the greater number of which have been copied from the "envelope" or case tablets in the British Museum; a sign list in which are given the various forms of the Babylonian characters which occur in the texts; short essays on the language and writing of these tablets; a description of the laws which regulated buying and selling, the hiring and purchase of slaves, mortgages, deeds of gift, inheritance of property, &c.; and translations of the texts with explanatory notes.

Two venerable "historical trees" of Switzerland have perished during the present winter. Early in November last the "linden tree" at Villars-le-Moine, under which the leaders of the Swiss Confederates rested on the morning of the battle of Morat, was torn down in a storm. A second witness to the defeat of Charles the Bold, the immense oak of La Chassagne d'Onnens, is also in a state of utter ruin. As it has been leafless for some years, and was struck by lightning during the summer, it is now about to be rooted up.

According to the reports of some German papers, the literary remains of F. von Bodenstedt contain sufficient material to form a third volume of his 'Erinnerungen,' which would embrace the eventful period from 1850 to 1892. In addition to a number of interesting letters from and to the poet, several of his articles contributed to the English, French, and Russian press are said to have been discovered among his papers.

#### SCIENCE

POPULAR SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

The Beauties of Nature and the Wonders of the World we Live In. By Sir J. Lubbock, F.R.S. (Macmillan & Co.)—Sir John Lubbock, finding in the study of nature a constant source of exquisite enjoyment, is anxious that others, less observant and appreciative, should share with him his innocent and intellectual pleasures. To this end he has written a series of charming essays, in which he introduces the reader to some of the most striking beauties of the natural world. His eye ranges over almost the entire realm of nature, from the stones of earth to the stars of heaven; but the parts which will probably prove most attractive to the general reader are those which relate to the life of animals and plants. The quotations freely sprinkled over the pages testify to a very wide and varied range of reading; but the author's own observations on natural phenomena are always so well worth hearing that we are disposed to centre our attention on these rather than on the remarks of other writers. Where so many subjects pass under discussion, it is impossible to do more than touch lightly upon each; the author, in fact, like one of favourite bees, roams freely through the wide fields of natural science, passing swiftly from flower to flower, extracting from each a few drops of the sweetest nectar, and compounding these into a delicious mixture. 'The Beauties these into a delicious mixture. of Nature' is, in truth, a most attractive volume, admirably adapted to whet the appetite of the young reader, and to lead him in due course to the study of fuller and more systematic works on natural science.

Extinct Monsters: a Popular Account of some of the Larger Forms of Ancient Animal Life. By the Rev. H. N. Hutchinson, B.A., F.G.S. (Chapman & Hall.)—This is undoubtedly the best book that Mr. Hutchinson has yet written. It sets before us, in pleasant form, a really valuable description of many of those extraordinary forms of ancient life which are but little known, save to the special student of paleontology. Not content with the dry bones which have been unearthed by the spade and pick of the geological explorer, the author seeks to revivify these relics, and to place them before us as they probably appeared when clothed with flesh and instinct with life. To attempt a restoration is always hazardous; and it is only necessary to visit the grounds of the Crystal Palace to see, in the light of our present knowledge, how some of our geologists, only a few years ago, went sadly astray when seeking to reanimate the monsters of the past. Mr. Hutchinson, however, has been fortunate in securing the advice of the officers in the Geological Department of the British Museum, and the skilful pencil of Mr. Smit, who is probably unsurpassed as a scientific artist of animals. Not the least interesting part of the present work, indeed, is the series of four-and-twenty plates, the value of which is attested in a prefatory note by Dr. Woodward. It is true that many of our extinct monsters were long ago introduced to the reading public— the Jurassic saurians, for instance, by Buckland, and the Wealden deinosaurs by Mantell; but no popular work of recent date has dealt adequately with the subject, and directed attention to the modern discoveries, which almost overshadow those of the last generation. people in this country know nothing of the remarkable discoveries of Marsh and Cope and Leidy in the rocks of the Wild West; and it is in the description of the marvellous monsters of Western America that Mr. Hutchinson's book strikes us as being especially interesting.

Life in Motion; or, Muscle and Nerve. By John Gray McKendrick, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S. (Black.)—It was rather a bold thing to select physiology as the subject of a course of Christmas lectures for the juveniles of the Royal Institution; but the admirable manner in which it was treated and illustrated by Prof. McKendrick amply justified the managers in their selection. Compared with a lecturer on chemistry or physics, who can embellish his discourse by brilliant experiments, a lecturer on

popular physiology is decidedly at a disadvantage. Nevertheless, Prof. McKendrick ingeniously contrived, by utilizing the magnificent resources of the Royal Institution, to introduce a large number of striking illustrations which riveted the attention of his auditory. In this volume the lectures are reproduced and the experiments described; but we naturally miss in type much of the charm of an experimental discourse extemporaneously delivered. The volume, however, forms a most acceptable introduction to a fascinating study; it is written by a master of the subject, and may be read with advantage, not simply by young people, but by all who desire to gain an insight into the modern principles of physiological science.

Sunshine. By Amy Johnson, L.L.A. (Mac-illan & Co.)—'Sunshine' is a bright little millan & Co.) book, written for the instruction of young children by a lady who evidently knows how to engage their attention. It appears that the work took its origin in a course of "Lectures to Little Folks," delivered by Miss Johnson. It characteristic feature is the importance which is given throughout to the experimental method. Nothing is taken for granted. The teacher makes experiments; the child makes experi-ments; the reasoning from beginning to end is based on experiment. In this way the child is brought into direct contact with nature; its powers of observation are developed, and its reasoning faculties stimulated, whilst the facts and principles of science acquire a reality which could never be attained by any other method. It is not quite clear, however, whether the book is intended for the use of the child or of the teacher: if for the former, it contains many things which seem to us hard to be understood by a child; if for the latter, the conversational style of the book was surely unnecessary. By whomsoever used, however, 'Sunshine' will be found a capital little introduction to optical science. It forms the first of a series entitled "Nature's Story Books," and it is to be hoped that the succeeding volumes will be equally

Popular Readings in Science. By John Gall and David Robertson, B.Sc. (Constable & Co.)

—This is the second volume of Constable's "Oriental Miscellany," and is intended primarily to be used as a reading book in the higher classes of Indian schools. It may, however, be also employed with advantage by those who desire to acquire by private study a knowledge of some of the elementary facts and principles of physical and natural science. Prof. Gall and Mr. Robertson, without any pretence to originality, have written a series of essays on sundry of the most interesting results of modern scientific research. The subjects are judiciously chosen, and include such topics as energy, evolution, the spectroscope, the nebular theory, meteorology, and bacteriology. The book might have been improved by the introduction of a chapter or two on geological topics, inasmuch as these are among the most fascinating that can be presented to a youthful reader. It is a pleasure to remark that the essays are written in clear, straightforward language, without the slightest taint of that flippancy and bad taste so often displayed by writers on popular science.

Man and the Glacial Period. By G. F. Wright, D.D. (Kegan Paul & Co.)—Prof. Wright, of Oberlin, in Ohio, is personally known to many English geologists by his visit to this country in 1891, when he submitted to the British Association his views on the antiquity of man in America. In the present work he discusses "the broader question of man's entire relation to the glacial period in Europe as well as in America." For the treatment of so wide a subject extensive knowledge is required, and he has, therefore, wisely sought the assistance of local specialists; thus, in dealing with the glacial geology of Britain, he has received material assistance from Prof. Pero

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Kendall. To the majority of English readers, however, the interest of the work will naturally be centred in that part which deals with the be centred in that part which deals with the American evidence. But it is rather unfortunate that some of the leading geologists of the United States, who have had specially favourable opportunity for examining several of the questions discussed in this volume, pointedly refuse to endorse Prof. Wright's conclusions. If the author's fellow countrymen, the proof of the proof of the control of th clusions. If the author's fellow countrymen, who are known to be well qualified to speak, offer strong opposition to his views, it will not be surprising if his work fails to inspire confidence in this country. English geologists, though admitting that the professor has written a most readable book, will hardly be disposed to regard it as authoritative.

#### PROF. WESTWOOD.

WE regret to announce the death of Prof. Westwood, which took place at Oxford on Monday last. He was born at Sheffield on December 22nd, 1805, having, therefore, just completed his eighty-seventh year, and from the time of early manhood his name has been an honour to entomological literature and attached to much beautiful work in the domain of palæographic art. The life of John Obadiah Westwood is an example of special talents and aptitude being allowed the freedom of development, and of a allowed the freedom of development, and of a long number of years being happily spent in the unrestricted pursuit of favourite studies. Originally intended for the law, and actually at one time a partner with a solicitor, his heart went out to the more congenial fields of entomology and antiquarian art. His long friendship with the Rev. F. W. Hope culminated in his appointment at Oxford concurrently with the presentation of the Hopeian collection to the University Museum, where it still exists as a distinct entity.

In zoology Prof. Westwood was joint author with Bate of the well-known 'History of the British Sessile-eyed Crustacea,' in which his great skill as a draughtsman served him so well, as, indeed, it did in all his other scientific and artistic publications. It is in entomology, how-ever, that his name will be best remembered, and he passes away the honoured Nestor of the science, the literature of which he has enriched with a number of beautiful volumes. His 'Arcana Entomologica' and 'Cabinet of Oriental Entomology' are splendid examples of zoological iconography, produced at a time when the intricacies of classification had not assumed their present formidable dimensions; assumed their present formidable dimensions; and he was also associated in the production of those epoch-marking volumes, 'The Genera of Diurnal Lepidoptera.' But the most solid and enduring of all his publications is undoubtedly the less beautifully illustrated 'Introduction to the Modern Classification of Insects,' which, at the way that the contract of the cont although written fifty years ago, still remains the best general work on the subject, and its author in quite recent years agreed with the writer of this notice in his estimate of its value as the best work he had done in so much that was good. In economic entomology his contribu-tions to the Gardeners' Chronicle for a series of many years are voluminous, and form almost a special contribution to a special subject.

Prof. Westwood's religious and other views revented him from affording his valuable assistance to the philosophical revolution in biology now so well known as Darwinism. At one time, indeed, he thought it deserving of aggressive attack, but it is questionable whether he really ever studied the evidence in its support and the record attack. port, and the peaceful stream of his thought flowed on in another direction.

In art only two works, 'Paleographa Sacra Pictoria' and 'Lapidarium Wallie,' need be mentioned to show the field in which he worked and the industry and minute care with which these works are administrated.

those works were produced.

All who have enjoyed his hospitality at Oxford will remember a personality unique

and lovable, very strong and honest in opposition, of wonderful eagerness to obtain and describe new forms of insect life, and yet of a very trustful and simple disposition. And thus the old order changeth.

#### SOCIETIES.

GEOLOGICAL.—Dec. 21.—Prof. J. W. Judd, V.P., in the chair.—Messrs, B. W. Bowdler, E. Power, and W. F. Smeeth were elected Fellows.—The Chairman gave expression to the Society's deep sense of the loss which it had just sustained by the death of so distinguished a Fellow as Sir Richard Owen, who had been associated with the Society for no fewer than fifty-five years.—The following communications were read: 'On a Sauropodous Dinosaurian Vertebra from the Wealden of Hastings,' by Mr. R. Lydekker,—'On some Additional Remains of Cestraciont and other Fishes in the Green Gritty Marls, immediately overlying the Red Marls of the Upper Keuper in Warwickshire,' by the Rev. P. B. Brodie,—'Calamostachys binneyana, Schimp,' by Mr. T. Hick, communicated by Mr. J. W. Davis,—'Notes on some Pennsylvanian Calamites,' by Mr. W. S. Gresley,—and 'Scandinavian Boulders at Cromer,' by Herr V. Madsen, communicated by Mr. J. W. Hulke.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.
London Institution, 5.—'Social Pictorial Satire,' Mr. G. du
Manrier.
Aristotelian, 8.—'Psychology of the Subconscious,' Mr. A.
Boutwood.

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Civil Engineers, 8.—Ballot for Members; 'Gas-Power for Electric Lighting,' Mr. J. E. Dowson.

Biblical Archaeology, 8.—Anniversary; Election of Officers; 'The Book of the Dead' continuation, Mr. P. le P. Renoul. Anthropological Institute, 8j.—Contribution to the Ethnology World Myths and Customs and the Navajo Myth entitled "The Mountain Chant." Miss A. W. Buckland Society of Arts, 7.—'Curiosities of Bird Life, Dr. R. B. Sharpe. (Juvenile Lecture.)

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Geological, S.—'Variolite of the Lieya and associated Volcanie Rocks, Miss Raisin; 'The Petrography of the Island of Capraja,' Mr. H. Emmons. G.—S.—'The Polk-lore of certain Searced Wells in Wales, 'Prof. J. Rhya.

Library Association, S.—'Bibliography Backwards,' Mr. F. F. B.

Campbell.

London Institution, G.—'Electric Lighting,' Prof. S. Thompson. Royal Academy, S.—'Palinting,' Mr. J. E. Hodgson.

Flockfood Engineers of the Application of Clifford's Graphs to ordinary Binary Quantics: Part II., Seminvariants,' the President.

Society of Arts, S.—'Upper Burma under British Rule,' Mr.

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Antiquaries, 84.—'British and Saxon Urns found at Kirton-in-Lindsey,' Mr. E. Peacock, 'Damask Tablecoth of early Sixteenth Century Date,' Roy. E. Farrer; 'Pew-ends in East Buddelgh Church. Devon,' Dr. Brushfield; 'Maces and Seals of the Borough of Winchelsen,' Mr. F. Inderwick; 'A Roman Inscription found at Carlisle,' Chancellor Perguson and Mr. F. Haverfield, 'Prince of the Control of the Control

#### Science Cossip.

DR. ARTHUR GAMGEE has for some time past been actively engaged upon the completion of his 'Treatise on Physiological Chemistry,' and Messrs. Macmillan & Co. hope to publish the second volume, which will include 'The Physiological Chemistry of the Digestive Processes early in the spring. Very soon afterwards will appear an enlarged and entirely revised edition of vol. i., which was first published in 1880.

THE general meeting of the Association for the Improvement of Geometrical Teaching is to the improvement of Geometrical Teaching is to be held at University College, Gower Street, W.C., on Saturday next. The Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, will take the chair. At the morning sitting the report of the Council will be read, the new officers will be elected, and Mr. Heawood of Durham, Prof. G. Loria of Genoa, and Mr. Wagstaff of Birmingham, will be proposed for election as members. After the conclusion of the formal business Mrs. Bryant will give a model lesson on geometry, as a basis for discussion. After the adjournment for luncheon papers will be read by Mr. G. Heppel on 'The Use of History in teaching Mathematics,' and Mr. F. E. Mar-shall upon 'The Teaching of Elementary Arith-

THE Berne section of the Swiss Alpine Club resolved at its last meeting to erect a memorial in honour of its former president, the late Gottlieb Studer. It is to take the form of an erratic block with an inscription. It is to stand on the Eichplatz, the classical spot from which Samuel Studer, the father of Gottlieb, in the year 1788, drew his famous 'Chaîne d'Alpes,' of which the son wrote a masterly description in 1850 in the 'Panorama von Bern.'

M. AMÉDÉE GUILLEMIN, the well-known French writer on science, is dead.

Two more small planets have been discovered photographically: the first by M. Charlois at Nice on the 14th ult., and the second by Dr. Max Wolf at Heidelberg on the 16th. The numeration is, according to the new rule, reserved; but if all those announced prove to be really new, the above discoveries raise the number in 1892 to twenty-nine (more than in any previous year) and the whole number known to 353.

A fine shower of meteors, radiating from the neighbourhood of  $\gamma$  Andromedæ, was observed in the United States and in Canada on the night of the 23rd of November. There can be no doubt of its being part of the great stream con-nected with Biela's comet, which was encountered on the 28th of November, 1872, and 1885. On those occasions the earth probably passed through the main swarm, and last year (some days earlier) through an associated branch of it. From a comparison of the positions of the comet and of the dates of the meteoric showers in 1798, 1838, and 1872, Prof. Newton was long ago led to conclude "that a long, extended group of meteor-particles must accompany the comet in meteor-particles must accompany the comet in its periodical revolution, preceding it to a distance of 300,000,000 miles in front, and following it to a length of 200,000,000 miles in the rear of its actual position, or occupying, if there is no reason to suppose the elongated meteor current discontinuous, fully 500,000,000 miles in its observed length along the comet's path." It will be remembered that Holmes's comet was, towards the end of November, nearly in the apparent direction of the meteoric radiant, which led to the erroneous idea that it had some connexion with Biela's comet. comet.

#### FINE ARTS

The Ruined Cities of Mashonaland: being a Record of Excavation and Exploration in 1891. By J. Theodore Bent, F.S.A., F.R.G.S. (Longmans & Co.)

MR. BENT's book contains few or no "moving accidents" or "hairbreadth 'scapes," and is wholly devoid of horrors or bloodshed. Nothing could be less pretentious than the personnel of the expedition described, which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Bent and Mr. Swan, a gentleman who in his capacity of cartographer and general assistant has added a valuable chapter and appendices to the report of his chief. Followers varied in number according to circumstances and the requirements of the travellers at different stages of their journey. The presence of an English lady seems to have exercised a wholesome and peaceful influence on the camp at all times; and, notwithstanding the legal objection which might be urged to the testimony, we readily give credence to the published deposition of an otherwise competent witness, that "instead of being, as was prophesied, a burden to the expedition, she furthered its interests and contributed to its ultimate success in more ways than one."

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Mr. Theodore Bent's visit to the tracts opening out under the direction of the British Chartered Company of South Africa has enabled him to produce an agreeable and instructive volume. Should some of its pages, necessarily devoted to technical archeology and scientific details, prove dry to the desultory reader, the greater number will possess the attractive quality of the traveller's narrative. A whole year that is, from the end of January, 1891, to the corresponding period of 1892-was taken up in the voyage to and fro, and exploration. Starting from Kimberley, our travellers proceeded to Mafeking, whence, passing through a corner of the Kalahari desert, they made their way to Kanya, the capital of Batuen, head of the Ba-Ngwatetse tribe, and on to Shoshong, the quondam capital of Khama and the Ba-mangwatos. Much is said of the influence and ability of the latter chief-among other commendatory things, that "he is a veritable father of his people, a curious and unaccountable outcrop of mental power and integrity amongst a degraded and powerless race"; also that he is, perhaps, "the only negro living whose biography would repay the writing.' Shoshong and the northern border of the Bechuanaland Protectorate they moved in a north-easterly direction to Zimbabwe, where their camp was pitched in a populous country, the inhabitants of which, whatever their tribal names or distinctions, rejoiced in the one designation of Makalanga. The spot chosen was "a slightly rising ground about two hundred yards from the large circular ruin"; and as this had been the presupposed main centre of exploration and excavation, the party remained here actively employed for the space of two months. Mr. Bent thus portrays the situation :-

"There were our two waggons, in which we slept; hard by was erected what our men called Indian terrace, a construction of grass and sticks in which we ate, and which my wife decorated with the flowers gathered around us—the brilliant red spokes of the flowering aloes, which grew in magnificent fiery clusters all over the rocks, the yellow everlasting (*Helipterum* incanum), which grew in profusion in a neighbouring swamp, wreaths of the pink bignonia, festoons of which decorated the ruins and the neighbouring kraal. Besides these she had the red flowers of the Indian shot (Canna indica), which was found in abundance on the hill fortress, fronds of the Osmunda regalis and tree fern, the white silky flowers of the sugar tree (Protea mellifera), and many others at her disposal, a wealth of floral decoration which no conservatory at home could supply. Our tent was our drawing-room; and in addition to these places of shelter there were the photographic dark tent, five feet six square, the kitchen, and the white men's sleeping-room, cleverly constructed out of the sails of our waggons, with walls of grass. In the centre was an erection for our cocks and hens, but even from here the jackals occasionally contrived to steal one or two. Around the whole camp ran a skerm, or hedge, of grass, which latter adjunct gave a comfortable and concentrated feeling to it all. Outside our circle the native workmen erected for themselves three or four huts, into which they all huddled at night like so many sardines in a tin. Around us in every direction grew the tall, wavy grass of the *veldt*, rapidly approaching the time when it can be burnt. This time was one of imminent peril for our camp; the flames, lashed to fury by the wind, approached within a few yards of us. Men with branches rushed hither and thither, beating the advancing enemy with all their might; our grass hedge was rapidly pulled down, and we trembled for the safety of our Indian terrace. Suddenly a spark caught the huts of the natives, and in a few moments they were reduced to ashes, and the poor shivering occupants had to spend the night in a cave in the rocks behind. Luckily the strenuous efforts of our men were successful in keeping the flames from our camp, and we were thankful when this business was over. Instead of the tall, wavy grass, reeking with moisture when it rained and rotting in the heat of the sun, we had now around us a black sea of ashes, recalling the appearance of the vicinity of a coal-mine; but though less picturesque it was far more healthy, and during the last weeks of our stay at Zimbabwe the attacks of fever were less frequent and less severe."

One out of three parts into which the volume is divided is devoted to the archeology of the ruined cities, the preceding part treating of the road thither, and the succeeding one recounting subsidiary journeys in Mashonaland. Perhaps the more immediate difficulties that presented themselves to the new-comers were to train the native workmen to the due performance of their tasks, and to keep them in good humour and unaffected by outer influences. A material "find" or the evolution of a new theory was the reward of their own labour.

Truly, the objects of investigation were as perplexing as they were interesting. That they had to do with seekers of gold, who had been attracted by the presence of the ore, was a plausible notion enough; and we learn from Portuguese travellers during the last three or four centuries that the great Emperor Monomatapa "ruled over the gold district in which the Zimbabwe ruins are situated." But neither could constructions such as these have been designed for mining operations, nor could they have been the outcome of native conceit. There must have been original builders whose identity has not yet been determined, and later occupants who restored or added to the early buildings, of whom we have no certain cognizance. Leaving the reader to study for himself the character of these wonderful remains, whether of temple, fortress, or other massive structure, we join with Mr. Bent in his disbelief that "such a style of architecture . . . . and such a civilization as it signifies, could have originated or developed in South Africa."

Mr. Bent places the ruins of the Great Zimbabwe in south latitude 20° 16′ 30″, and east longitude 31° 10′ 10″ (Mr. Swan makes it 31° 7′ 30″), on the high plateau of Mashonaland, 3,300 feet above the sea level. He uses the term "Great" to show a distinction from minor Zimbabwes scattered about the country. The name, separated from the affix of exclamation, The name, we, is considered by him to mean the "great kraal," and appears to be derived from the Abantu root zi, a village, and the Zulu umzi, a collection of kraals. But let us revert to a question of more legitimate research than belongs to native nomenclature. Our author, although disposed rather to throw out than to lay down theories, has referred to the Sabæans as well as Arabs among ancient settlers in East Africa. We read (p. 190):

"The 'Periplus'.....mentions that the Arab settlement at Rhapta was subject to the sovereign of Maphartes, a dependency of Sabæa or Yemen. Dean Vincent imagines Rhapta to have been 10° south of the equator, that is to say, near Quiloa, where again an Arab settlement continued right down into the middle ages."

At p. 193:-

"Agatharcides, in B.C. 120, speaks in glowing terms of the wealth of the Sabseans."

At p. 195:-

"The 'Periplus' tells us that the Sabæan king Kharabit in A.D. 35 was in possession of the east coast of Africa to an indefinite extent......Three cities of the name of Sabæ are mentioned as connected with this kingdom, two in Arabia and one in Æthiopia; and now we have the river, which doubtless in those days formed the great outlet for the population between the Zambesi and the Limpopo, still bearing the name of Sabæ or Sabi."

In Mr. Swan's remarks in chap. v. it is stated:—

"Only stars of the northern hemisphere seem to have been observed at Zimbabwe, for in the great temple itself the culminations of southern stars could quite as easily have been observed as those of northern ones, and in the fortress all view of the northern sky is almost completely shut off by the cliffs and huge boulders which form its northern line of defence; yet every point from which northern stars could have been observed has been used for this purpose, and there is no temple there from which northern stars were not observed, while at the same time the openly displayed southern sky has been left unregarded. This, of course, points to a northern origin for the people, and suggests that before they came to Zimbabwe they had acquired the habit of observing certain stars—a habit so strong that it led them to disregard the use of the southern constellations, though they must have known that they would equally well have served to regulate their calendar."

It may be no more than a coincidence, but the learned Khorasmian writer Albirûm winds up his several notices of the Sabeans with the statement that "the Harrânians turn in praying towards the south pole, the Sabians towards the north pole." It is presumed that south of the equator their proper north would be the equator itself.

On leaving the Great Zimbabwe, Mr. Bent and his fellow travellers continued their explorations till about 17° 23' south latitude, returning to Beira and the mouth of the Pungwé river for embarkation. Notwithstanding that a great part of the country which he traversed had been mapped and reported on by Messrs. Selous, Maund, and other African explorers, the present author has added useful and interesting details to the geographical results obtained by his predecessors. The illustrations to his book are abundant and appropriate.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—WINTER EXHIBITION.
(First Notice.—The Art of the Low Countries: I.)

In number and quality this, the twenty-fourth, exhibition is one of the best of the series. Its strongest point is Low Country paintings in Galleries II. and III. Without them, indeed, the collection would be below the average. That there is nothing here of the art of the Low Countries older than Rubensfor Antonio More cannot be classed with the Flemish painter—imparts, as might be expected, a distinct character to the exhibition; and, this being so, it is a pity that none of the Rubenses is exactly a masterpiece, and that a considerable proportion of the pictures (portraits as well as figure pictures) are quite unaffected by his influence. As it is, we must be content with the mannered and pretentious Daughter of Herodias (No. 128), which, it is not

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easy to say why, occupies a place of honour in Gallery III. It is in the master's most florid mood, and serves to show how often he over-shot his mark. The best element of a complex design is the somewhat stage-like consternation of Herod at the sight of the Baptist's ad; the touch of surprise which mingles with his horror is a first-rate piece of art and most original, while the triumphant glee of Herodias adds to the force of a dramatic situation. Hardly inferior in conception are the looks of the laughing maid who stands behind and the faces and attitudes of the startled guests, who seem to take different views of the matter. Rubens was evidently playing, so to say, upon the note of surprise in thus treating a hideous subject, and accordingly he, to some extent, diverts from our attention the ghastliness of it. This picture is widely known through a capital plate by Bolswert as well as one by Clouvet, and, according to Smith's 'Catalogue Raisonné,' where it is numbered 603, it was, in 1754, in the collection of Heer Sybrects, of Amsterdam. Smith says that Heer systems, or Amsterdam. Smith says that a superb drawing made in grisaille for the engraver belonged to Lawrence. Under his No. 229 (Supplement) the same authority mentions, with doubts of its being a Rubens, another picture, belonging to Lord Ormelie, similar in design to this, with fewer figures, interior in the carractions, and somewhat smaller inferior in the carnations, and somewhat smaller inferior in the carnations, and somewhat smauer than that before us, which is unquestionably genuine. It is Michiel's No. 149, but it is not named in the laborious 'Historische Levensbeschryving van P. P. Rubens' of Heer C. van Grimbergen, 1840. A Holy Family (74) is another excellent specimen of Rubens's forid manner. The painter was thinking of P. Veronese when he adopted his scheme of selarring, which includes the harmonious use colouring, which includes the harmonious use of black and pure red, and, in the tone scheme, led him to suppress the head of Joseph looking over the shoulder of the fair Joseph looking over the shoulder of the fair matron, whose features are so exactly of the type Van Dyck affected, and so like his in their touch, modelling, and silvery greys, that one might well ascribe to the pupil what bears the master's name. The main charm of the design lies in the intense naturalism of the design hes in the interest lateralism of the Child's repose, which is indicated not only by the sleeping face, but by the thorough self-aban-donment of the attitude. On the other hand, the handsome Virgin is less spontaneous, if less coarse, than Rubens's Virgins usually are. His vigor ous style is manifest in the impasto, the modelling of the robust and fleshy nudity, and the free touch throughout the work. This picture may be Smith's 968, which belonged to Lord Clive and Raphael Morghen engraved. Smith noticed the likeness of the print to a Van Dyck.

Cornelius Janson is well represented by the Portrait of a Lady (58), hard, and, even for him, over polished, yet thoroughly sincere and learned. It is signed and dated "1646," that is five years after Van Dyck died, having quite revolutionized portraiture on this side of the Alps. The right hand (if not parts of the face likewise) has been repainted, and the whole varnished to excess, which is a pity. Mr. Fane's well-known and extremely fine Portrait of Lord [Horace] Vere (70) is a much better Janson than No. 58, softer and broader and more homogeneous, and so spontaneous that the painter, although there was little sentiment in his soul, might well have been inspired by the vivacity of his sitter's steadfast eyes and the passion of his lips. Janson painted Lord Vere more than once; at least two other portraits are known, besides copies, of which there are many: (1) a whole-length, in a red dress. with a spear, said to have been the gift of Charles I. to Sir H. Milmay, the Present owner's ancestor, and (2) the Marquis Townshend's bust in a black dress and blue

Van Dyck is admirably represented by at least five out of the seven pictures assigned to him. The noble Burgomaster Triest (109) has been lent by Earl Brownlow, and is a rare instance of

Van Dyck's style when he was under the influence of Veronese. It is of the epoch of Lord Carlisle's renowned portrait of Snyders, which it much resembles. Sir Anthony never painted a fine statesmanlike countenance with greater success, and his treatment of a large mass of black and the rich flesh tints could not be bettered. the rich flesh tints could not be bettered. This noble portrait is in perfect preservation. Waagen rightly said that "the head, painted in full light, is modelled in the most solid impasto, with astonishing mastery and extraordinary clearness." It is Smith's 307. The picture is said to have belonged to Sir Abraham Hume, and was at the British Institution in 1818, 1828, and 1836; Smith valued it at 300 guineas, and recorded that it had belonged to the Chevalier Lambert in 1787, when it was sold for 4,500 francs by Le Brun, and again sold in 1791 for 1,600 francs. After this it was in the collection of Sir G. Colbrooke. It should not be confused with Van Dyck's 'Anthony Triest,' Bishop (sometimes called Cardinal and Archbishop) of Ghent and Bruges, the Burgomaster's brother, which the painter etched on a Archisnop) of Grient and Bruges, the Burgo-master's brother, which the painter etched on a plate that was finished by De Jode; see Car-penter's 'Descriptive Catalogue' (p. 113), and Wibiral's 'Iconographie d'A. Van Dyck,' No. 13. As Van Dyck painted the bishop more than once, and sale catalogues and critics have con-trused themselves and others shout the postraits fused themselves and others about the portraits of the brothers, we write of their histories with pardonable trepidation, because it is quite clear that Smith made more than one mistake about his No. 307, and it is hardly credible that Sir A. Hume possessed portraits by Van Dyck of both brothers, or that Van Dyck should have blundered about the name of his sitter, who was a great patron of Rubens, and must have been well known to himself. The costume in the picture before us is that of a layman, not of a prelate. The Earl of Strafford's Portraits of T. Wentworth. Earl of Cleveland a prelate. The Earl of Strafford's Portraits of T. Wentworth, Earl of Cleveland, his Wife [Anne, born Crofts], Son, and Daughter (110) presents no difficulties to the critic. It is probably a compilation (see Lord Verulam's portrait of Earl Thomas, which is dated "1636," and Lord Fitzwilliam's portrait of the younger lady Anne), made in Sir Anthony's shop at Blackfriars, from single figures by the master himself, and is an awkwardly composed group, the members of which have no knowledge of the members of which have no knowledge of each other. In this respect there is, of course, nothing against the genuineness of the work, many of Van Dyck's groups being (vide the great picture at Wilton) quite as disconnected; but the painting is unworthy of him, except, perhaps, that of the younger lady's face and dress, which are excellent, and, unlike most of the picture, nearly, if not quite, intact. Moreover, it has been badly repainted. Much of the group reminds us of Dobson, and, like other compilations seems to be tray traces of the handicompilations, seems to betray traces of the handicraft of Sir Anthony's assistants, who must have had much to do in the big atelier near St. Paul's. Lord Strafford has another portrait of the Countess Anne, singly. His father lent the group before us to the British Institution in 1863; it was No. 90 here in 1881, and, as No. 1, Mr. G. Byng lent it to the British Institution in 1845. Lord Brownlow's Advartion of the Shepherds (76) is a clever sketch. It belonged to Sir A. Hume, and is supposed to be the study for the picture painted for the church at Termonde, and since then in the collection of Lady de Gray (see Smith, Nos. 42 and 424). The same generous owner has lent the most admirable Portraits of a Lady and Child (127). The mother is the very model of a young and The mother is the very model of a young and comely Dutch matron of high degree. This brilliant, pure, and solidly painted group is noteworthy for the silvery greyness of the flesh, which reminds us of Rubens's best manner, while the whole is truer and more delicate than most Rubenses. This charming group (Smith's 533), in which Flemish vigour is combined with Italian grace, yet has lost none of its energy, was formerly in the Balbi Palace at Genoa and

bought thence by Sir A. Hume, who lent it to the British Institution in 1815 and 1836, and Earl Brownlow lent it to the same society in 1867, and to the Academy in 1871, No. 125. It was engraved by E. Smith, and remains as fresh and brilliant as when it left the easel two centuries and a half ago. Mrs. Baillie Hamilton's C. Rich, [Fourth] Earl of Warwick (126), belongs to quite a different category of Van Dycks, and is a capital specimen of the painter's later English mode. It is remarkable for the vivacity of the attitude and expression, which are strikingly characteristic, the sound painting of the face, and the rare dexterity with which the jerkin of cloth of silver is depicted. The gentleman—who did not succeed to the title till 1659, that is probably twenty years after this picture was painted—must have sat as Mr. Charles Rich, under which title Lady Elizabeth Pringle exhibited, as No. 209 at the Academy in 1877, a Van Dyck which, though smaller, is very curiously like it and the better picture. As to its history, we must remember that Van Dyck died in 1641. He painted many of the house of Rich of Warwick, including Earl Robert (1632), Countess Elizabeth, Lady Isabella, Henry, Earl of Holland, and Sir Charles, son of the third Lord Rich. William Villiers, Viscount Grandison (130), is a portrait which may profitably be compared with that of C. Rich, and seems to be a version of the Duke of Grafton's picture (Smith's 548, where he appears in a red dress), of which there is a replica at the Grove. That before us, which seems to have belonged to Mr. Robert Vernon, was probably painted by Jan de Reyn, one of the ablest of Van Dyck's assistants, who followed him to London. This viscount is interesting to many who remember that he was the father of the notorious Countess of Castlemaine, afterwards Duchess of Cleveland, who, in a freak of filial piety, erected his monument in Christ Church. He died at Oxford in August,

Sustermans, of whom there is a fine example, which is even more than usually like a Bronzino, in No. 114, is the next Fleming as to date, but, as his art was thoroughly Italian, we shall speak of his work in a subsequent article, and turn for the present to Rembrandt, who, we are glad to say, is thoroughly well represented. The first Rembrandt that comes to notice in Gallery II. is Capt. Holford's noble life-size bust of The Painter's Son (50), and said to represent the ill-starred Titus, comely Saskia's son. The heir of his father's weakness and luxurious tastes (if, indeed, it is he) looks at us through the broad shadow of a wide-brimmed hat with saddened eyes, as if conscious of his failure in life; his large nose (quite unlike his father's energetic and pugnacious nose) takes the glowing light in a thoroughly Rembrandtish fashion, and its heavy nostrils and bony bridge are characteristic of the man Titus is said to have been; the fleshy lips and thin moustache, to say nothing of the thin underhung chin, tell the same tale. It is easy to see how such a man might have been used against his father, as well as in defence of him, and yet not have, standing alone, courage to defend himself. It might be used as a capital illustration of the strange alliance which obtained between Titus and his father's mistress, the fair Hendrickje Stoeffels, which secured some property from the wreck of all. The picture is a triumphant example of brush-power. There are touches of magic force, brush-power. There are touches of magic force, the results of a life's research and studies the most exacting. The style of the work agrees extremely well with the age of the young man, who was born in 1641. The superb likeness of him, painted by his father in 1655, in the collection of M. R. Kann, shows him in the bloom of boyhood. The picture before us is some ten years later in date. It may probably be Smith's 416; see his No. 17, Supplement. On the opposite side of Gallery II. hangs another masterpiece, the Portrait of a Lady another masterpiece, the Portrait of a Lady

(75), seated, looking slightly to our left, with an expression of great animation on her withered features; they are slightly pallid with age, which betrays itself also in the way in which she grasps the arm of the chair with her right hand. She holds a white handkerchief in her left hand, and wears a coif-like white cap of the old Dutch type and a wide pleated ruff, like that of Elizabeth Bas in the Ryksmuseum at Amsterdam, or the small portrait of an old woman in the National Gallery. The drawing and handling of the cap are singularly fine, and quite worthy of the clear, brilliant carnations and the beautifully painted hands, which are wan, veined, and bony, and yet as true a bit of portraiture as the face itself. This fine piece is not dated or signed, and is not identified in the catalogues of Smith, Vosmaer, or M. Michiel, but was probably painted about 1660-62—that is to say, between 'The Syndies' at Amsterdam and 'The Standard-Bearer' at Warwick Castle. It is in perfect condition, but there seems to be rather too much varnish upon its surface. Tobias and the Angel (89), which belongs to the Corporation of Glasgow, is quite as like a Bol as a Rembrandt, and is not of much importance. It belonged to Graham-Gilbert, and seems to be Smith's 44, which was engraved by M'Ardell, and possibly belonged to Sir Joshua Reynolds, at whose sale it fetched only eleven guineas. Bol was not incapable of such a good design as hus; but it is the technique of the picture, rather than its design, which suggests that, as was often the case, the pupil put on canvas, with a well-trained and skilful brush, what the chief had set forth in chalk or ink.

The Queen's Christ and Mary Magdalene at the Tomb (93) is a renowned picture, sometimes called 'Le Christ en Jardinier.' It is full of called 'Le Christ en Jardinier.' It is full of poetry, and the chiaroscuro as well as light and shade are wonderful; the effect, colour, and composition, and the attitudes of the figures from Mary's ecstatic abasement to the dignity and tenderness of the Saviour-are, with the rarest art, made to subserve the solemn passion of the design. The extraordinary care with which it is finished (it is signed "Rembrandt, f. 1638") indicates the value the master set upon his conception of the subject, which lent itself, so to say, to the most solemn and most original of his moods. It is in excellent condition. Smith's 103, it was, that authority tells us, bought in 1736 with many others, amounting in value to 40,000 florins, of Madame de Reuver, for the gallery of the Prince of Hesse-Cassel, and was taken thence by the French in 1806, and presented, with others, to the Empress Josephine. It remained at Malmaison till 1816, when it was sold to the Prince Regent. (Buchanan had shrunk from acquiring the whole gallery for so small a sum as 10,000%. (!) before the Emperor Alexander bought the bulk of it in one lot at a price Buchanan did not venture to name "lest it should appear an exaggeration.") George IV. deposited it in Carlton House, and lent it, as No. 24 in 1820 and as No. 19 in 1827, to the British Institution; the Queen lent it, as "Noli metargere" to the Art Transurer Fabilities. me tangere," to the Art Treasures Exhibition in Manchester, 1857, and to the Royal Academy in 1882, No. 117. It belongs to the Buckingham Palace Collection, and its execution is coeval with that of the superbly painted group of 'Rembrandt with Saskia on his Knees, which is one of the chief ornaments of the Dresden Gallery, as well as of the etching of

'Abraham caressing Isaac.'
The Portrait of Saskia (101), which Mr. Joseph has lent, seems to us much more like a work of Bol than of his master, despite the signature "Rembrant" the Catalogue says it bears. We think so because of the fulness and yet inadequate firmness of its impasto, the rather boneless modelling of the flesh, and some lack of precision of touch in the painting of the ornaments of lace, embroidery, and jewellery the lady wears. In precision Rembrande never failed, and its presence or absence is a

touchstone for the genuineness of the works attributed to him. In the case before us the touch is rather loose, if not weak, and devoid of Rembrandt's characteristic crispness. At the same time there is a certain commonness, not to say vulgarity, about the lady's features, which are rather puffy, that is not observable in genuine portraits of the well-bred mother of Titus van Rhyn. Compare it with her portraits at Dresden and Cassel, painted in 1633. It is conceivable that, supposing, as it seems to us, this picture has been overcleaned, as it has certainly been overvarnished, it may have parted with much the master put into his work; but it can hardly be a likeness of Saskia, who died in 1642, as the technique of the picture does not agree with Rembrandt's style at that period. Compare it with the Queen's 'Lady with a Fan,' 1641, and 'The Night Watch,' 1642. It is more like his much later handling. Supposing it is, despite our opinion, a true Rembrandt, it may serve to mark the point at which Bol departed from his master's teaching and thenceforth remained. The face before us looks older and more robust than Saskia's can have been after a long confinement and much bad health. She died while still a young woman.

Far finer is Capt. Holford's Portrait of a Man with a Sword (108), which is indeed a Rembrandt of the first quality, in perfect preserva-tion. It is a typical Rembrandt of the middle period, although not identifiable in any of the catalogues. It is marked by the vigour and transcendent power of the painter, and his genius was so inexhaustible that even so fine a thing as this might be overlooked. The visitor will enjoy the intense expression of the face, the solid and masterly painting, the fine and skilful touch employed on the silver sword-hilt and goldsmithery and jewellery, which fairly sparkles while we look at it. Under the heavy and coarse repaintings of the next "Rem-brandt," A Man in Armour (111), with a helmet on his head, there may be a more or less valuable example of the master to whom, in the Corpora tion Art Gallery at Glasgow, it is ascribed. It came, it is said, from the collection of Sir J. Reynolds, and is somewhat boldly declared to be that "Achilles" to which Sir Joshua alluded in one of his discourses as in his own possession. Mr. Graham-Gilbert gave it to Glasgow, but it is since his time, if not quite recently, that nearly all Rembrandt might have placed on the canvas has been obscured by a mass of paint, destructive of the flesh tints, the limpid brilliance of the armour, the clearness of the shadows, and the refinements of all sorts which may have caused it to be accepted as a masterpiece. How deplorable these operations have been the student will instantly recognize if he compares the belt, as it now appears, which traverses the breastplate, the ornaments of the armour, and the flesh throughout, with the intact painting of the same sort of thing in Capt. Holford's masterpiece, No. 108. Originally, no doubt, No. 111 was a noble piece, full of energy

and tragic poetry. Now it is a wreck.

On the other hand, the very fine Portrait of a Man (125) which Earl Brownlow has lent, and which is said to represent the learned poet Pieter Cornelius Van Hooft, Rembrandt's intimate, has been little injured by time, and belongs, as the signature proves, to the year 1653. Wasgen objected to the name of Van Hooft being given to it that this author died in 1647. Nevertheless, it would not be a unique fact in his history if Rembrandt had painted his friend from another picture, and the attitude and general air of the portrait are, it must be admitted, less spontaneous and sincere than the master was wont to make his likenesses of living men. It is very interesting to know that the bust of Homer is, in all probability, that which is mentioned in the sale catalogue of poor Rembrandt's effects as adorning the so-called "Room of the Arts" at his house when they

were seized for debt and sold by auction, September, 1658. A portrait, said to be of T. J. Haring, was painted by Rembrandt in the very year of this catastrophe. Like many other paintings in the Brewnlow Collection, this work belonged to Sir Abraham Hume. It is Smith's 302, and was exhibited at the British Institution in 1815.

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In our next article we shall deal with the De Hooghes, Ostades, and other pictures of the Dutch. Meanwhile we may mention, for the benefit of those who have not yet visited the exhibition, that in Gallery I are to be found Gainsborough's 'Hon. Mrs. H. Fane' (No. 3); Reynolds's 'Girl Sketching' (11), till now unexhibited, his beautiful English maiden, 'Lady Elizabeth Keppel' (21), which lately passed from her ancestral home at Quiddenham to Mr. Raphael, 'Mrs. Musters' (20), and 'Admiral Sir C. Saunders' (41); Severn's 'Scene from "The Ancient Mariner"' (15), which was long at Glenthorne and is now Lord Coleridge's; Romney's 'Mary and Louisa Kent' (13); John Phillip's 'Chat round the Brasero' (36); Landseer's highly-popular 'There's Life in the Old Dog Yet!' (37) and J. F. Lewis's masterpiece 'The Bezestein Bazaar, Cairo' (45). In Gallery III. are Romney's thoroughly characteristic 'Miss Close' (106)' 'Mrs. Pattery' (129) and 'Lady Rugsell' (106)' 'Mrs. Pattery' (129) and 'Lady Rugsell' Bezestein Bazaar, Cairo (46). In Gallery III. are Romney's thoroughly characteristic 'Miss Close' (106), 'Mrs. Rattray' (132), and 'Lady Russell holding up her Child' (139); Reynolds's 'Lady Kent' (135), 'Cupid and Psyche' (141), and 'J. Coutts, Esq.' (142); Gainsborough's voluptuous and beautiful 'Lady Glenorchy' (136), tuous and beautiful 'Lady Glenorchy' (136), and his hardly less attractive masterpiece of flesh painting, the luxurious 'Miss Clarges' (138). Earl Brownlow lends his renowned 'Christ healing the Paralytic' (115), by Tintoret, and 'Diana and Acteon,' a late work by Titian (121); Lady B. Coutts her noble 'Landscape' of a mountainous country, by N. Poussin (116); Lord Strafford his dignified and epical 'St. John at Patmos' (122), by the same; the Corporation of Glasgow its interesting, but not credible "Giorgione," 'The Adultress brought before Christ' (119); and another fine, but very doubtful Christ' (119); and another fine, but very doubtful "Giorgione," called 'Portrait of a Lady' (123), belongs to Lord Strafford, and reminds us chiefly of Paris Bordone. From the Duke of Sutherland we have the ever-welcome Moroni known Yarborough, his monumental Turner, 'The Festival at Macon' (137); and from Capt. Holford, Wilkie's best effort in the grand style, 'Columbus at La Rabida' (133). In Gallery IV. Holford, Wilkie's best effort in the grand style, 'Columbus at La Rabida' (133). In Gallery IV. are no archaic pictures, such as it commonly contains, but various "primitives" of the second period, such as 'S. Malatesta' (146), by P. della Francesca; Mantegna's very fine 'Holy Family' (151), from Mr. Mond; 'Christ in Gethsemane' (152), a predella picture of high merit ascribed to Raphael; 'Count F. Sassetti and his Son,' by D. Ghirlandaio (149); Mr. D. Lowe's 'Head of St. John' (157), here ascribed to the "Italian School," and certainly Milanese, if not from the workshop of Da Vinci; 'Head of a Man' (159), by Ghirlandaio, and 'Head of a Woman' (163), by the same, from the same; Lady Brownlow's choice 'Flying Angel' (160), which is awarded to Masaccio; Lord Brownlow's G. Bellini, 'The Adoration of the Shepherds' (161), and his celebrated 'Triptych' (170) of the 'Crucifixion, Procession to, and Descent from the Cross,' by M. Schongauer; and A. More's wonderful portraits of 'Robert Dudley' (174) and 'Sir T. Gresham' (177). The Black and White Room contains twenty-nine Blakes illustrating Dante, which have not been exhibited before; while in the Water-Colour Room are hung noble instances of Samuel Palmer, of Edward Calvert, a lover of soft voluptuous grace and colour who was inspired by Blake and the antique, and seventy-nine fine echoes of Mr. Watte's art with which the friends of the and the antique, and seventy-nine fine echoes of Mr. Watts's art with which the friends of the late Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford, surprised London last year.

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"Will you permit me to make one or two remarks on your review of my 'Life of John Linnell' in the Athenacim of the 17th ult.? I regret as much as your reviewer one or two errors of name and date—in the former case, printer's errors; but he tasks me with slips where there are none in fact—at least, they must not be put to my account. He denies that Benjamin West ever lived at the Terrace, Hammersmith. Well, all I can do is to quote my authority, namely, John Linnell's 'Autobiography,' where he says, speaking of West's landscape: 'One, which I well remember often staying to look at, is now in my possession and in perfect preservation. It is a view of Hammersmith Terrace, where I believe he lived partly, and where Loutherburg and other artists had lived. It is a most Claude-like view of the effect of sun and water,' &c.

"Then, with reference to your reviewer's correction of my statement in regard to Mr. Collins's father having resided in Bolsover Street, my authority was Mr. Linnell's 'Autobiography,' wherein he writes: 'I remember when I was comparatively achild is [W. Collins] coming to my father's with his father, who was a picture dealer and kept a shop in Bolsover Street, Oxford Street. The elder Collins and my father had frequent dealings together. My father often called in Bolsover Street on his way home from his cousin's the farmer when I was quite a child.' These are triffing matters, but perhaps worth setting right.

"As regards the 'Why John Linnell was not elected an Academician,' it was not for me to answer the question. It is for those R.A.s who were his contemporaries. I do not pretend to know the reason; I can only draw my inferences, and graze. I indicate that probably there were many reasons, but none of them, it seems to me, is creditable to the R.A. I noce heard a story to the effect that one candidate who came very near election was told that it was conceded that he was much the better painter, but that the successful man was the sprucer gentle

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There is no ground whatever for asserting that West lived on the Terrace at Hammersmith, and Mr. Story's own authority only "believed" what he wrote. West's residences in London are perfectly well known, in an unbroken series, to have been, first, 1763, in Bedford Street, Covent Garden; from 1763 till 1768, in Castle that Linear 1769, in 1763 till 1768, in Castle 1769, in 1764 till 1768, in 1765 till 1765 ti Street, Leicester Square; from 1768 till 1778, in Castle Street, Leicester Square; from 1768 till 1774, in Panton Square, Haymarket; and thenceforth till his death, March 10th, 1820, "on a sofa in the first floor front room," at No. 14, Newman Street, Oxford Street. The late Wilkie Collins, who was born in New Cavendish Street, and the academy catalogues are the authorities showing that Linnell made a mistake about Collins's house being in Bolsover Street.

#### Jine-Art Cossip.

THE private view of an exhibition of works of the Early English School in the French Gallery was appointed for yesterday (Friday). The colection is now open to the public.

AT a meeting of the Council of the Royal rchæological Institute on December 20th, Mr. Hartshorne resigned his position in connexion with the Archæological Journal, which he has edited for upwards of fourteen years. At the same meeting Mr. Gosselin resigned the secre-taryship of the Institute, which he has held for

Mr. DOUGLAS FRESHFIELD has contributed to the Alpine Journal a pleasant sketch of the late Josiah Gilbert, more especially throwing light on Mr. Gilbert's early education and career s a portrait painter.

FROM Paris comes the news of the death of a notable artist in iron, M. Alfred Gauvin, at the sge of fifty-six. He had been for the last five years busy with a gate en fer damasquiné for the Hôtel de Ville, and had nearly finished it. M. Gauvin in the last five description of the last five de Gauvin is also known by his portrait medallions of Victor Hugo, Gambetta, &c.

The Swiss society "Pro Aventico" intends this winter to devote its whole activity, at its excavations in Avenches, to the laying bare of

the remains of the theatre. About 1,000 cubic mètres of earth are to be removed from the walls around the theatre. The Cantonal Council of Vaud and the Commune of Avenches have both voted subsidies towards the work, and a yearly grant is also made by the Commission for the Preservation of Historical Monuments in Switzerland. The work is under the direction of Th. van Muyden, an architect in Lausanne.

On the site of a recently discovered necropolis of Roman date, near the hill of St. Spiridion, in the island of Batrachonisi, a relief has been discovered representing a woman, with the inscription Νίκη Πολυκρίτου Μιλησία Γναίου 'Οκταυίου 'Αλεξάνδρου γυνή. The relief was supported by two marble columns, one of which is still beneath the soil, while the other has been found to bear several inscriptions, amongst which one contains the name of Quintus Crassus.

THE Italian Minister of Public Instruction, Signor Martini, has determined on the establishment of a museum of plaster casts for Rome, and has appointed Dr. Löwy, Professor of Archæology in the Roman University, to be its director.

At Ognissanti, in the province of Cremona, about eight kilomètres distance from the river Po, a terramara has just been discovered, the extensive remains of which have raised the ground to the height of 2.80 metres. The black earth is full of bones, mostly of the horse, sheep, and wild boar, with fragments of primitive manufacture, as vases in rude pottery baked at an open fire. Amongst these latter may be remarked many crescent-shaped handles, and a small uninjured vessel of rather elegant design, as well as some balls in terra-cotta that may have been used for games. Some boars' teeth seem to have served as ornaments. But the most important discovery is that of a fine dagger-blade in bronze, with two edges, a characteristic type of this kind of prehistoric settlement.

An early Etruscan tomb has been discovered in Florence, close to the Via degli Anselmi.

#### MUSIC

#### Musical Cossiy.

THE scheme of Sir Augustus Harris for the organization of a permanent orchestra is being attended by more difficulties than was expected. Very few among recognized London players have accepted, and the numbers, it is feared, will have to be made up from Germany. Until the facts are before the public, comment may

THE only performance in London calling for record this week was that of the usually abbre-viated version of 'The Messiah' at the Albert Hall on Monday. Miss Anna Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Iver McKay, and Mr. Watkin Mills were the principal vocalists.

As we write the annual conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians is proceeding, apparently with much success. As the meeting was not appointed to close until Friday, it will be as well to defer any general remarks until

We regret to learn that the negotiations with English composers for the production of new works at the Bristol Festival next autumn have not, so far, proved successful.

A NEW choral society entitled the Lyric Choir has just been formed at Stamford Hill, with Mr. Emil Kreuz, the well-known viola player, as conductor.

THE death is announced of M. Talazac, who for some years enjoyed pre-eminence as a tenor at the Paris Opera Comique and other lyric theatres in the French capital. Three or four seasons ago he appeared at Covent Garden, but without success, as his health was already giving

way, although at the time of his decease he had not completed his fortieth year.

LAMENTABLE reports continue to reach us from Italy respecting the deterioration in the performances at many once celebrated operahouses, owing to continually decreasing subventions. At the San Carlo, at Naples, it is said that the orchestra is now almost beneath criticism. Meanwhile, however, the San Carlos, at Lisbon, which it was feared would remain closed throughout the season, will reopen its doors for a series of Carnival representations, commencing with 'Lohengrin.'

THE theatres in Berlin seem to be in scarcely less evil case than those in Italy. The scheme to establish another opera-house has ended in complete failure, and several other establishments are either closed or closing.

PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK.

Señor Sarasate's Orchestral Concert, 3, St. James's Hall.

Popular Concert, 8, St. James's Hall.

Miss Alice Maud Liebmann's Concert, 8, Princes' Hall.

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Mr. Dannreuther's Concert, 8, 30.

Wind Instrument Society's Concert, 8, 30, St. James's (Banqueing Hall.

Popular Concert, 3, St. James's Hall.

#### DRAMA

#### THE WEEK.

HAYMARKET.—' Hypatia,' a Drama in Four Acts. Founded on Kingsley's novel by G. Stuart Ogilvie.

It should not, perhaps, be imputed as a fault to the adapter of 'Hypatia' that the background overpowers and dwarfs the action. His aim has been to vivify an age concerning which little absolute information is possessed, and to animate and inform with passion what, in fact, constitutes a series of quasi-historical tableaux. In this effort he has to some extent succeeded, and he has produced a play which interests and stimulates, if it does not thrill. What is weakest is that the story is more fragmentary than the pictures, that the secondary interest overpowers the primary, and that the leaven of passion fails to permeate and transform the materials collected. Mr. Ogilvie's most striking characters interfere with and impede the progress of his story. We say Mr. Ogilvie's, since the characters in question have no existence in the novel. What is wanted in 'Hypatia' is a dominant love interest. Absolute this cannot, perhaps, be, the pre-supposed condition of affairs prohibiting it. It should, however, prevail. The loves, ill starred from the first, of Philammon and Hypatia should be paramount. In a sense the love of Philammon is the same as that of Romeo as expressed by Shakspeare through the mouth of Juliet, "My only love sprung from my only hate," and religious animosities would serve all the dramatic purpose of inter-necine broil. The quarrel, it is true, in the present case, as in a famous duel in 'Midshipman Easy,' is triple, and the result, instead of showing the futility and wastefulness of human angers, leaves the least sympathetic of the three combatants jubilant over the ruin of the other two. So long as the play is what it claims to be, an historical pageant, this must be. The Jews, however, with whom are not the most important issues, influence and direct the fight. This is to some extent as though the Apothecary, who is the mere agent of Romeo, became the arbiter of his destinies. The character of Issachar (a curious hybrid between a Jewish money-lender and a sheik) is the most

powerfully conceived and executed in the play. He presides over the conflict between Christian and pagan, and under his astute management the chances of victory lean to the side of the older, and at that time more cultivated creed. At his bidding Orestes the prefect throws off the pretence of Christianity, and espouses the cause of Apollo, and Hypatia with a sigh foregoes her love for the young monk, erewhile her perse-cutor, and now her slave. What impedes, then, this well-conceived scheme? By a purely arbitrary arrangement of the dramatist, the Jew at this moment learns that the prefect is the seducer of his daughter. The home is stronger than the State, revenge of private wrong is more potent than the re-establishment of a nation, and the betrayer is slain by the parent. Hypatia, whom her lover is powerless to save, is degraded and torn to pieces by the monks, and Christian supremacy is established without further semblance of a struggle.

All this is pardonable and conceivable. Human infirmity in times so troubled as those depicted has been responsible for many tragedies. But the seduction of Ruth with its consequences upsets the balance of the play and its verisimilitude, and disturbs alike the historic sequence and the dramatic interest. A difficult task awaits one who seeks to present the wooing of two beings, each of whom at heart adores the other, but both of whom are held back by conscientious scruples. Threefold difficulty attends him when the love interest is subordinated to matters with which the audience finds it difficult to sympathize. 'Hypatia,' then, remains an imposing pageant lighted up by dramatic details, but comes short of drama. Dramatic breath it has, but this belongs only to Issachar, a character for whom sympathy is scarcely claimed. A quickened interest in the fate of Hypatia and Philammon would deepen it into tragedy.

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tales exactly what can with justice be said: that he has found them "very good reading." The selection may pass, since the obvious limitation to plays that have been acted during days comparatively recent must be taken into account. We have thus one play of Ben Jonson, one of Beaumont and Fletcher, and one of Massinger, and then encounter Otway. Mr. Morris is, however, a little eccentric in his judgment of the various authors, and a little slipshod in statement. His opening asser-tion, that of the numerous "contemporaries of Shakespeare.....very few have left works of sufficient dramatic merit to survive to our time," challenges opposition. If—which he does not—he had said as acting plays, our antagonism would have been less, but would not have been removed. In dealing with the 'Busy Body' of Mrs. Centlivre, when Sir Jealous Traffick threatens to break a spinet about Isabinda's ears, he substitutes a piano (!); he states in the 'Road to Ruin' that the ordinary associates of Harry Dornton were "a crew of knaves, blacklegs, and debauchées" (in italics); he makes Bob Acres swear by "Odds minions and crotchets"; and he credits George Colman with the authorship of a piece called 'Sally Honeycomb.' These mistakes show a want of knowledge adequate to the exe-cution of the task undertaken. The volumes are prettily got up.

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